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WHITEAWAY'S

Lithuania In War News
Lithuania is again in the news. Its independence has been re-declared following reports of the entry of German troops into Kaunas. Since then the Nazis claim to have captured Vilna, former capital of Lithuania.



FINLAND AT WAR
Declares Herself Against Russia
SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"
WASHINGTON, June 25 (UP).—The Finnish Legation here has confirmed a report that Finland has declared war on Russia.

First indication of the move came from a Berlin report which stated that information had been received that Finland is in a state of war with Russia and that hostilities are fully under way.

In the meantime, according to a Moscow report, the Turkish Ambassador has informed the Soviet Foreign Commissariat of Turkey's neutrality in the Soviet-Russian war.

Helsinki Raided
LONDON, June 25 (Reuter).—Moscow Radio announced that Soviet planes to-day raided Helsinki, the capital of Finland.

Russian Envoy
STOCKHOLM, June 25 (Reuter).—The Russian Minister and his staff TURN to Back Page, Column 3

SWEDEN'S ACTION

Transit To Nazi Troops
LONDON, June 25 (Reuter).—Sweden has agreed to the German request for the transit of certain German troops from Norway to Finland, according to a Stockholm dispatch.

Secret Meeting
STOCKHOLM, June 25 (Reuter).—The Riksdag met in a secret session to-day.

No announcement has been made so far regarding yesterday's meeting of the Cabinet presided over by King Gustav.

A meeting of the Foreign Affairs Committee of the Cabinet was also held yesterday under the presidency of the Crown Prince.

Monday and Tuesday have been public holidays but beyond reiteration of Sweden's desire to continue to avoid being dragged into a "great Powers' war," it is unlikely that much indication of Sweden's attitude will be available.

Explanation
LONDON, June 25 (Reuter).—A Stockholm communiqué, according to a Stockholm dispatch to TURN to Back Page, Column 5

Vladivostok Open To Receive U.S. Munitions

WASHINGTON, June 25 (Reuter).—President Roosevelt does not intend to issue a "neutrality" proclamation on the Russo-German war, according to an announcement by Mr. Sumner Welles, Under-Secretary of State, to-day.

United States ships will thus be permitted to carry arms to Vladivostok.

The United States is taking up the same position as she has maintained during the undeclared Sino-Japanese war.

Mr. Welles pointed out that under the Neutrality Act, a neutrality proclamation is required when the President or Congress shall find that

LENINGRAD REPORTED AFIRE: BIG CLASH EXPECTED SOON

Germans Stated To Have Occupied Vilna

REPORTS OF THE FIGHTING ON THE WIDE FRONT FROM THE BALTIC TO THE BLACK SEA CONTINUE TO BE FRAGMENTARY AND IT IS IMPOSSIBLE TO PRESENT A COMPLETE PICTURE AT THE PRESENT. THE FOLLOWING ARE THE IMPORTANT FEATURES OF TO-DAY'S PRESS DISPATCHES.

"REUTER" QUOTES A REPORT FROM HELSINKI WHICH WAS BROADCAST BY THE ROME RADIO THAT LENINGRAD IS SAID TO BE ABLAZE AND THAT CLOUDS OF SMOKE CAN BE SEEN COMING FROM THE CITY.

"United Press" repeats a Radio Moscow announcement of a report from a Russian war correspondent at the front which declares that in the early hours of Tuesday morning enemy troops under cover of fog, crossed a wide river (location not stated) in ten barges. They failed in their attempt to surprise the Russian defenders, who waited until the Germans were close and then poured a withering fire into the attackers. Most of the Germans were killed and those who remained were taken prisoner, including two officers.

From Stockholm, "Reuter" reports that the Russians are withdrawing to their old defence works on the other side of the River Dneister, but that the advancing Germans are hampering them in taking up their positions.

NAZI AIR FORCE VERSUS TANKS

LONDON, June 25 (Reuter).—The predominance of aerial warfare at this stage of the German campaign against Russia emerges from to-day's semi-official German reports of fighting which mention air attacks on Russian communications and air support for ground forces.

FALANGE OUTBURST EXPLAINED

MADRID, June 25 (Reuter).—Commenting on the German-organised riot outside the British Embassy in Madrid on Tuesday, the Falange organ "Arriba," after stressing that yesterday's manifestations were directed "exclusively against Russia," admits that some of its remnants not subject to discipline, branched from this intention and went to extremes "which only means that feeling against our oldest enemy is fresh and aroused."

The "Arriba" says that an explanation for the feeling against the old enemy Great Britain, "would be found in simple meditation on the progress of our empire, strangled to the point of slavery."

The article ends with a severe order to Falange comrades that nothing must be left to spontaneous joy and that Falangists must follow commands with strict discipline.

Moscow Munitions Plants Thoroughly Modern

LONDON, June 25 (Reuter).—Moscow Radio to-day stresses the importance of the part played in the present struggle by Soviet scientists who, under the direction of M. Stalin, have made vast strides in technical and industrial development and, during the present year, achieved surprising results which would have a decisive effect on the outcome of the war.

The output from factories had exceeded all the results anticipated or hoped for. Whereas in 1914 only small arms ammunition and light field artillery shells could be produced in Russia, the U.S.S.R. can produce all types of ammunition and shells for the largest type of guns in sufficient quantities to win the war.

The Berlin correspondent of the Swedish newspaper "Tidningen" states that military quarters say that the operations so far have been merely preliminaries to the great clash which is expected when the main Russian army is met, though tactical surprise methods have enabled the Germans to gain considerable ground in some regions.

Main Battle Soon
It is anticipated that the encounter with the main Russian armies will not be long delayed.

The correspondent adds that it is declared that the German forces are faster than anything yet seen in this war or history.

Vilna Falls, Report
Another "Reuter" report from Vichy declares that according to the Hungarian official newspaper "Pest" the ancient Lithuanian capital of Vilna, which became incorporated in Russian-occupied Poland, has been entered by German troops.

"Reuter" also reports that gunfire has been heard from various places in the outer Stockholm archipelago. Firing was also heard yesterday off the west coast.

Nazis Repulsed
MOSCOW, June 25 (Reuter).—How Soviet cavalry drove back the German and Rumanian troops who had crossed the river Pruth into TURN to Back Page, Column 3

U. S. Loan To Britain

WASHINGTON, June 25 (Reuter).—The Federal Loan Administrator, Mr. Jesse Jones, announced that he is considering a loan to the British Government.

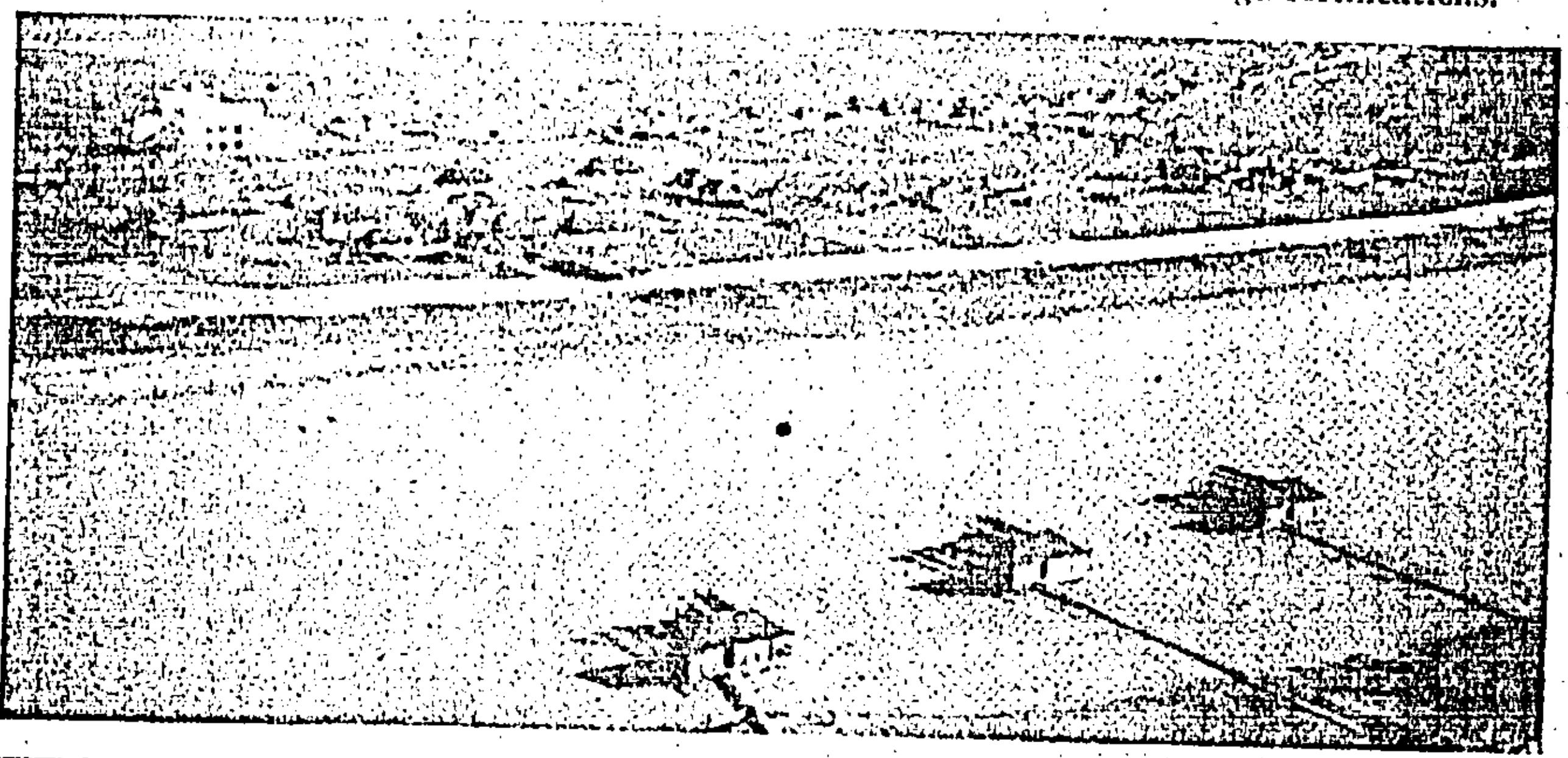
Mr. Jones said that the Reconstruction Finance Corporation was studying the loan under a new law authorising such a loan and added: "The purpose of the loan would be to provide the British with dollar exchange to pay for war supplies in this country without having to sell their American securities and investments at a forced sale."

Mr. Jones did not name any amount, but in some quarters it is reported that the loan would be for "several hundred million dollars."

Reconstruction Finance Corporation officials, however, hinted that a small figure was contemplated at the start.

Mr. Jones said that the collateral of the proposed loan would include "direct investments and a wide diversification of stocks and bonds of corporations" in the United States.

Another Bomber Fund Donation
A cheque for \$2,000 was received for the Bomber Fund yesterday afternoon from the China Vegetable Oil Corporation, Ltd.



Allied Forces Carrying All Before Them In Syria

CAIRO, June 25 (Reuter).—It is officially announced that British and Australian troops have occupied Merj Ayoun and Inbales Saki in their advance northwards. In the right sector in Syria, all is quiet in Damascus. In the coastal sector, by bombarding Vichy positions in the Damour area, the Royal Navy is actively supporting the advance of Australian troops.

R.A.F. Bomb French And German Cities

Special to the "Telegraph"
DOVER, June 25 (UP).—The R.A.F. in force swept Northern France a second time to-day after an early afternoon raid which was the biggest of the war.

In the second afternoon raid the R.A.F. reached the French coast from a different route, thereby taking the defenders by surprise.

The "United Press" correspondent at Dover was able to see bombs crash at Boulogne, Calais and other places along the coast, while he also heard bomb explosions well inland.

The Air Ministry also reports that Cologne, Düsseldorf and Kiel were heavily attacked on Tuesday night. Four German bombers were shot down and two British planes are missing.

Hazebrook Attached
LONDON, June 25 (Reuter).—Soon after mid-day to-day, Blenheim aircraft of the Bomber Command, with a strong escort of fighters, attacked railway goodsyards at Hazebrook, states the British Air Ministry.

Bombs were seen to burst in the yards which were crowded with traffic.

Direct hits were also scored on two railway bridges, one of which collapsed.

An ammunition train blew up. Reports so far received show that British fighters destroyed seven enemy planes.

British losses in this operation were two fighters missing.

Airfield Raided
LONDON, June 25 (Reuter).—The German airfield at Longueuesse, near St Omer, was bombed and the hangars and buildings were hit by the second of the R.A.F.'s double sweep over Northern France to-day.

SHIPMENTS FROM U.S. TO BRITAIN

WASHINGTON, June 25 (Reuter).—Shipments from the United States to Britain in April totalled \$128 millions. This represents the largest amount of goods sent to Britain in the past 20 years, and is nearly 2 1/2 times greater than in April last year.

The British Empire in April received \$240 millions worth of American goods—about 61 per cent of the United States total exports.

Fleet Air Arm Find Nazi Liner

NEW YORK, June 25 (Reuter).—American maritime sources report that a British Fleet plane attacked and probably sank the German liner Elbe, of 8,000 tons, in the Atlantic.

At Close Grips
NEW YORK, June 25 (Reuter).—The Australians were engaged in hand-to-hand fighting but when they finally occupied Merj Ayoun at dawn, they found the stronghold deserted and that only a few snipers were left.

Vichy forces are reported to have fled northward during the night.

Support From Air
CAIRO, June 25 (Reuter).—The Fleet Air Arm bombers engaged enemy destroyers in the harbour of Beirut yesterday, and also started fires in an attack on Tripoli.

Benghazi was heavily raided by the R.A.F.

In Syria, aircraft of the R.A.F. and the Royal Australian Air Force carried out a number of offensive operations.

The railway and aerodrome at Rayak were successfully attacked.

Damascus Bombed
JERUSALEM, June 25 (Reuter).—Over 30 were killed and many were injured when German planes bombed Damascus this morning.

Exodus From Syria
LONDON, June 25 (Reuter).—Four Vichy generals in Syria have been superseded by orders of the Vichy Government, states the Istanbul Correspondent, TURN to Back Page, Column 4

BOMBS ON ACRE

HAIFA, June 25 (Reuter).—The Crusader fortress town of Acre, where Sir Sydney Smith successfully withstood Napoleon's siege, experienced the first air raid of its history when hostile aircraft on Wednesday morning dropped bombs causing some damage to property, and slightly injuring one civilian.

It is authoritatively stated that hostile planes also approached Haifa where the ground defences went into action, and some bombs were dropped that did little damage and caused no casualties.

Reported Nazi Peace Offer To Britain

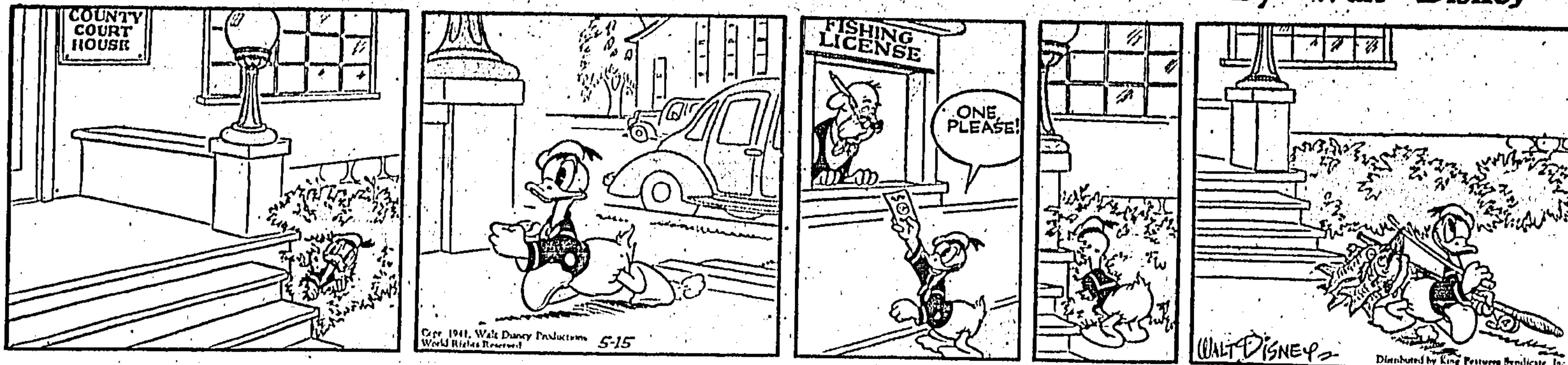
Special to the "Telegraph"
ANKARA, June 25 (UP).—Neutral diplomatic sources declared, without confirmation, that the Nazi Ambassador, von Papen, using the Turkish Government as an intermediary, approached the British Government with an alleged offer of peace if the British would join a coalition against the Bolsheviks.

The British Ambassador, Sir Hugh Knatchbull-Hugessen, is alleged to have replied by referring the Germans to Mr. Churchill's recent speech.

Concurrently, and again without confirmation, it is rumoured that German peace moves have also been made in other capitals of Europe.

The return of the British Ambassador from Istanbul last Monday is reputed to have been connected with the foregoing alleged demarche.

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By JOSEPHINE CULBERTSON

One of the Critics

"DEAR Mrs Culbertson: The enclosed hand caused a great deal of argument between my partner and myself and also plenty of panning from the gallery:

"South dealer.
"Both sides vulnerable.

♠ A Q 9 3 2
♥ K 9
♦ A
♣ A J 10 6 5

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♠ 10 8
♥ 10 5 4
♦ J 9 5 3 2
♣ 8 7 4

♠ J 7
♥ A Q 8 6 2
♦ K Q 4
♣ K Q 2

"The bidding went as follows:

South	West	North	East
1♥	Pass	1♠	Pass
2♥	Pass	3♥	Pass
3♥	Pass	4♥	Pass
5♥	Pass	7♥	Pass
Pass	Dbl.	Pass	Pass
Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass

"West opened the club nine, declarer won and returned the deuce of trumps. West played the three-spot, and now comes the play in question. As West had doubled, declarer figured that the only possible excuse for his double was that he held four trumps, including the jack and ten. (The only high missing honour in the hand, the spade king, hardly could influence his double inasmuch as it was under North's spade bid.) Well, at any rate, declarer played dummy's nine of hearts and, when East won with the ten, the fight began.

"I was South, the declarer, and, although I don't claim to have played the hand perfectly, I argued to the last ditch that my reasoning and line of play were not bad bridge, but the result of a bad double on the part of an opponent. My partner and I almost came to blows, and my wife, who was looking on, and several

other good and near-good players condemned me. Although there were eight or ten to one against me, I still say, and until I hear from you will continue to say, that I wasn't radically wrong in playing this hand. So please settle this ruckus. E. T. Chicago."

I admire this correspondent's indomitable spirit against the eight or ten to one odds, but I'm afraid that I can't back his judgment. He was wrong—dead wrong. It was all very well to figure that his left hand opponent who had doubled, held four trumps to the J-10, but how could he imagine that, if that were the case, West would fall to put in the ten on the lead toward dummy, as the most elementary insurance play? No matter what he thought of West as doubler, certainly he could not have debited him with such unbelievable stupidity as to play a low trump from J 10 x x. Hence the only chance was to play for a break of the suit.

I was not asked about the bidding, but think I had better volunteer a few remarks. North's first response should have been two spades, not one, and the final contract should have been seven clubs, if any even bid.

To-morrow's Hand
South dealer.
Rubber bridge.
North-South vulnerable

♠ 9 4 2
♥ 7 3 2
♦ Q J 9 6 3
♣ 8 2

♠ J 7 6 3
♥ 8 5 6
♦ 8 4 2
♣ 10 7 4

♠ A Q 10
♥ A K 6
♦ K 10
♣ A 9 5 3

How should this hand be bid?

PRIVATE LIFE OF A PRIVATE CROCKS' PARADE

Further extract from the diary of a journalist now in the Army.

KNEES get grazed. Thumbs get dislocated. Eyes collect grit; muscles stiffen; throats relax. Hearts stop; noses run. Boils rise; arches fall. Bacteria break in; rashes break out.

The spirit is willing; the flesh is weak. I mean that soldiers, like ordinary men, occasionally fall sick.

Now the Army has no control over Acts of God, but it can at least put them up on Parade. It is part of essential discipline; if you've got to be ill, be ill in proper order.

In the event of a sudden attack of something, you may see the Medical Officer by means of a Special Sick Report.

WHAT A VOICE!

Otherwise you Report Sick the night before, giving your particulars to an Orderly Corporal, who puts you down for Sick Parade at 7.45, next morning.

The sick men fall in on the edge of the Square. An important non-com. is there. He is distributing the fatigues men twenty yards away, in a voice that you feel rather than hear.

It vibrates in your hip-bones and teeth seconds after he has finished shouting. We huddle together, stiffening, like corralled cattle when a lion roars.

He turns on his heel and marches towards us.

"Lame men in the rear! Fall in, in three ranks." We fall in. The damaged feet keep still behind us. "O-yeu... or-deh... Ma-harch!"

Our files open. We right dress. Looking straight to our front, we are aware of something like a Death-Ray scorched our faces. It is the eye of the important non-com. inspecting us.

"LOOKATEM!"

His voice says: "Smatter wi' you?" A melancholy Lancashire voice replies: "I'm bad, Sir." "Jamean—ya bad?" "Bell o'er in t' black-out, Sir."

"You'll fall over here if you're not careful. Look at your boots! Look at them! Look to your front, you right-hand man in the centre rank!"—he has eyes in the holes of his ears—"And you Smatter wiyou?"

"Me chess, Sir." "Cheest? Cheest? That's no reason why you should come on parade with a dirty cap-badger. Whenja clean it last?"

"Smornin', Sir." "It's dirty. It's filthy. It's terrible. It's caked miles thick with dirty, filthy rust and green verdigris."

"And you—third man in the left in the rear rank—your cap badge is far too golden for my peace of mind. I WANT IT TO BLIND ME!" "Close or-dah... Ma-harch! Move to the right in threes—Right... Tu-hurn! Ker-wick... Ma-harch!"

We lead on. He stalks away, still muttering under his breath: "Far too golden for my peace of mind."

Conversation breaks out. "Listen to me cough—Erhookerhook!" "Im and 'is capbadger!" "Let me show you my bad leg."

ENTER THE M.O.

The Sick-Bunk Sergeant, a melancholy man, overburdened with the weight of all the sickness of the camp, says "Make less Noise!" From the Treatment Room comes a clink of iodine bottles.

The Medical Officer arrives. He has had to acquire the diagnostic versatility of a Sherlock Holmes; brooding over never-ending Sick Parades like the experts at the Mint who sort good money from bad as it rides past on a conveyer-belt.

When this is over he will never want to see a human foot again; and he will think of compiling a little handbook of Imaginary Ailments, including Chancer's Arm, Skiver's Sciatica, Swinger's Strain, Old Soldier's Stomach, Bobber's Back.

He will doubtless give a chapter to that peculiar paralysis of the heel and ankle, which accompanied by anxiety and depression, sometimes indicated that a Route March is scheduled for two-thirty.

"Smith!" says Sergeant Mas, the melancholy one. "Erhooc... erhoohoo-hoooc!" coughs the man with the chest, and goes in for diagnosis.

EXPORTS OF PETROL

Reasons for Confiscation Explained

Six junk masters and foks appeared on remand before Mr D. J. N. Anderson at Kowloon Magistrate's yesterday on three counts of attempting to export 9,500 tins of petrol from the Colony, without permits from the Controller of Trade, at Po Tai O, on June 21, employing junks not licensed for carrying dangerous goods and anchoring at a place other than a dangerous goods anchorage.

Defendants were Kwok Tai, Chau Shing-cheung, Lam Chi-kai, Lam Chan-wai, Lam Po-chuen, and Chu Chiu-fai.

Mr W. P. Thompson, Assistant Superintendent of Police, prosecuted and Mr Peter Sin appeared for Defendants.

On the application of Mr Sin, Defendants were remanded for five days. Bail of \$250 each was allowed.

At the hearing on Tuesday, 14 other junkmasters charged with the above Defendants were convicted and fined, and an order was made for the confiscation of the 14,550 tins of petrol they were attempting to export from the Colony.

During the proceedings yesterday, Mr Thompson pointed out to his Worship that a mistake had been made in the reports of the previous hearing which appeared in the Hongkong Telegraph and the S. C. M. Post regarding the reason for the confiscation of the petrol.

It was wrongly stated he said, that the confiscation of the petrol was necessary on the ground that the owner of the petrol had not come forward to claim it for fear of being prosecuted. The petrol was confiscated on the ground that a very flagrant offence had been committed against Section 12 of the Dangerous Goods Ordinance.

Mr Thompson pointed out that the circumstances under which the large number of junks had been found anchored in close proximity to other vessels and the fact that they all had cooking chatties on board, constituted a very grave fire danger. There was no doubt that if a fire had broken out a serious conflagration would have resulted.

His Worship agreed with Mr Thompson that the reason for the confiscation of the petrol given in the two newspapers was very misleading.



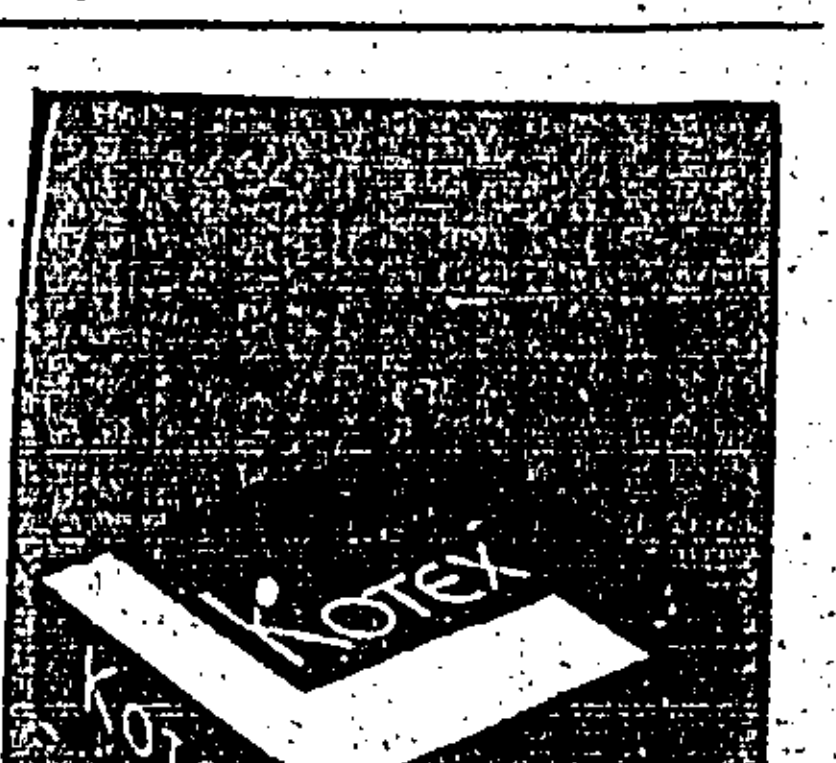
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Crossword Puzzle

By LARS MORRIS

ANSWER TO PREVIOUS PUZZLE

ACROSS

1-Turnout
2-High mountains
3-Hill back
4-Banishment from home
5-Kind of rubber
6-Flooding material
7-Principle
8-Level
9-Mine exit
10-Gives prominence to
11-Mischievous prank
12-Day of week
13-Put to rest
14-Charged with crime
15-Forsake
16-Jorma's last name
17-Line
18-Club used in baseball
19-Breathing organ
20-Metaphorically
21-Hill of sand
22-Entomology (abbr.)
23-Living section to notice
24-Triangular-shaped
25-Greek letter
26-Container
27-Recollect
28-Clergman
29-Motion
30-Animal with four cavities in stomach
31-Forsake
32-Mental image
33-Isolated
34-Of no significance

DOWN

1-Beast (French)
2-One who cuts with scythe
3-Plastic shoot of plant

4-Choosing by vote
5-Green vegetable
6-Maria
7-Bathos
8-Newspaper world
9-Authentic
10-Confutation
11-Pertaining to ocean
12-One in pronouncing movements
13-Invested
14-Place
15-Well ventilated
16-Closed suitcase
17-Model
18-Unemployed
19-Part of speech
20-End of summit
21-Grounds belonging to
22-Stop
23-Cried like crow
24-Fitment container for electric light
25-Trip
26-Process of six lines
27-Of no significance
28-Color of horse
29-Quintessence
30-Cause to lose sight
31-Boat
32-Fedious discourse
33-End of summit
34-After for better
35-Sound
36-Relate
37-River in Germany
38-Illuminant with scintillating
39-Whole

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Bare Fists That Fight Hitler

By HAROLD A. ALBERT

Thousands of men in Europe are fighting Hitler with bare fists. They are Britain's secret allies in the fight for freedom.

They are the Czechs who steal essential machine parts and compel factories to stand idle, the Frenchmen who slow up Hitler's New Order with half-day strikes, the oil workers who blow up precious Rumanian reserves, the ex-members of the trade unions of the occupied territories who dissolved their organisations rather than submit to Nazi ends.

In Holland and Norway, as the invaders marched in, local T. U. officials destroyed the lists of members, and burned the documents and books. When the Nazis launched their own controlled organisations, they refused to join or signed on only in order to wage war from within.

In France 50, trade unions actually staged an anti-Nazi, anti-Pétain demonstration at Toulouse, and organised shipyard strikes and disturbances from Dunkirk to Marseilles. And that was only the beginning.

Since then the reports of sabotage, slow work and even open strikes flowing through underground channels of information to the H.Q. of the International Transport Workers' Federation have mounted till they present a cumulative effect of open warfare.

When the waterworks engineers of Warsaw went on strike in July, it took only the Gestapo to effect a decision. When the coalminers of Liege stubbornly came out against a Nazi wage deduction of 29 per cent., threats of transfer to concentration camps in Germany were necessary to get them back on the job.

Recently members of the Nazi organised German minority at Podbrezova joined Slovakian workers in a strike for fairer wages. Order this time was restored only by a threat to close all the shops in the region, starving the strikers' wives and children.

The storm spreads inside Germany itself. The labour authorities are facing a serious problem in factory workers on piece rates who play truant once they have earned a subsistence wage.

On the railways, slow work and passive resistance have reached the pitch where goods wagons stand idle two days in five. Absences of women have increased to eight per cent. of the working time.

Often these alarmed fighters risk imprisonment and even death. One woman went to prison for six months for staying away from work 57 days out of 144. A Brunswick worker was gaoled for nine months for putting sand in machinery.

Fourteen Czechs attached to the Kolben-Danek faced

treason charges for "removing too much metal from aeroplane engines".

It may have been coincidence that leaking taps led to the loss of the contents of five petrol tank cars, but 80 Czech railwaymen were arrested on sabotage charges.

Inevitably, casualties must occur in this war by civilians. Karl Gryzka, an 18-year-old Polish youth started forest fires, tried to derail a train loaded with military supplies, and faced an execution squad.

In Prague, Motodej Racek was sentenced to death for breaking into an armament factory under cover of the black-out, stealing driving belts and steel casting patterns and considerably delaying output.

Three other men, Josef Svoboda, Karek Chal and Jaromir Perka, were shot for stealing essential machinery parts and causing a factory to close down.

Their names, it is true, are difficult to the English tongue. Yet we should take some note of them. They are the martyrs of our day and age.

A group of people pledge themselves to eat as much as possible of unrationed food, stuffs, or as to diminish the stocks, or to smoke more heavily so that more tobacco has to be imported, using up valuable rail space.

A burly porter drops a valuable object of art downstairs and says it was too heavy for him. A Mayor pins a British leaflet on the village notice board with the inscription, "It is forbidden to pick these up."

They also serve who only stand and wait. And Europe's unarmed men know how little a waiting game suits Hitler.

Substantial Donation To Bomber Fund

Prisoners Of War Aid

Including a splendid subscription of \$500 from Jardine, Matheson and Co., a total of \$2,500 was received yesterday by the War Fund inaugurated by the S. C. M. Post, Ltd., with the following donations:

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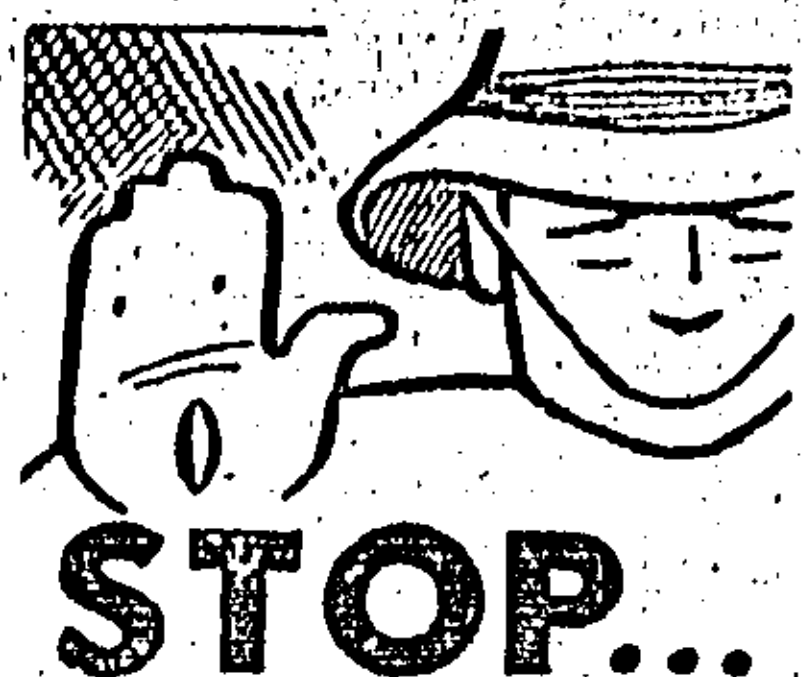
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ON THE WRONG SIDE

A LITTLE more than a year ago, France stood shoulder to shoulder with Britain in the war for democracy against totalitarianism. Then came the catastrophe, the evacuation of Dunkirk, the occupation of Paris, and France passed under a blackout for twelve months. While Petain was master, though he had no means of aiding the Allied cause, still he was careful not to injure it.

Now, France is emerging from the darkness, but, unfortunately, is emerging on the wrong side. For months the Germans tried to put Laval in the saddle and so bring about the collaboration they sought. Their attempt was a failure. But in Admiral Darlan they appear to have found an instrument quite as subservient as Laval and much more effective. As the London "Times" puts it: "There does not appear any German demand, however humiliating, which the Vichy government in its present mood can or will refuse. In everything but name, Vichy is joined to the Axis."

Horrible as it is to think of an old friend turned traitor, there is no blinking the fact any longer. France, not because she wishes, but under the force of circumstances and under perverted leadership, is against us. If Marshal Petain is still protesting, his protests are no longer audible. It is Darlan who is in the saddle, now, and Darlan and his satellites are showing more enthusiasm and more enterprise in collaborating with Germany for the extinction of France than they ever showed in collaborating with Britain for the defence of French liberties.

Admiral Darlan has two subordinates in Syria, General Jean-Marie Berget, Vichy's air minister, and General Dentz, commander of the French forces. Both are working in the German interest. It is Dentz who is still needlessly sacrificing life and property in Syria by trying to defy a victorious Anglo-de Gaulle

BRITISH ISLES STILL MAIN THEATRE OF WAR

— By —

MAJOR FIELDING ELIOT noted American military expert

IT becomes a little difficult (which is not to say that they to see how any theatre may not also make efforts in of this war could be of other theatres of operations).

greater interest than the British Isles and their

waters of approach and access, and how anyone could fail to see that no matter what happens in the Middle or Far East, the war will not be won by Germany unless Britain is overwhelmed; and that Britain will not be overwhelmed while the sea line between North America and the British Isles remains open.

The fact is that, considering this war as a struggle to preserve the free way of life which has been our heritage and of which the English speaking race has been the principal architect for ages, the military situation becomes simple indeed when objectively studied, with this premise in mind.

Obviously, North America becomes the arsenal and Britain the fighting spearhead; these roles are geographically dictated. This is not to say that Americans should work and Britons fight; but that in one area the principal activity must be production, in the other, fighting.

Germany has no secure arsenal which cannot be reached by bombs. This grievous disadvantage to Germany is increased by the fact that American productive capacity, once it is geared to war requirements, is far greater than that of the Continent of Europe. Add to it Britain's production, diminished though this may be, and Germany seems certain to be outmatched in a war of machines — provided she does not, before that time, overwhelm the advanced fighting base, the island of Britain, on which our ability to injure her depends.

It is as simple as that. But the fact which leaps instantly to the eye is the imperative need for maintaining communications between the arsenal and the fighting base. If these can be severed, the base must eventually find itself in serious straits, just as any outpost must do when its supply line is cut.

Upon the severance of the supply lines the Germans are directing their best efforts army. He is not only a tool of the Nazis, but a vain and stupid one.

Vichy has in fact become very nearly an all-out enemy.

American naval and air forces are available in sufficient strength to go a long way toward making these German efforts futile. While the United States Army and its land-based air force (we do not have separate air establishments in the United States) are undergoing enormous expansion and will not be ready for a major effort this year, the United States Navy, with a very large and efficient naval aviation, is completely ready for any responsibility which may be placed upon it.

It is true that we have Japan to consider in the Far East, but concerted measures amongst Great Britain, Australia, New Zealand, the Netherlands, India and the United States could create so formidable a defensive front as to give pause to the most reckless Japanese while permitting the United States Navy adequate freedom of action in the Atlantic.

These, however, are military considerations. In this, country, as in Britain, military affairs must be subordinate to civil authority, which in the last analysis rests with the people. For an uncertain and divided people to make war is to court disaster—a fact of which the fate of France is the most recent example. Unity may come, and with it united and effective action; but one thinks that this unity will come only when much of the present confusion, uncertainty and doubt has been cleared away; when clear, authoritative answers have been given to the questions, How great is the danger to Britain? How imminent? Can America avert that danger by fighting? and, above all, if we fight, what sort of world shall we be fighting for? What sort of victory shall be our goal?

The answers to these questions must come, but they will not all come at once. First of all must come the answer to the first—How great is the danger to Britain? Many Americans believe that British officials ought to tell the American people the exact truth about the shipping situation, for example, not withholding any pertinent

fact such as the amount of tonnage laid up and undergoing repair. Neither Americans nor Britons will flee from danger which they can know and measure.

If the American people are frankly told the exact dimensions of the problem they are asked to solve, they will solve it. They will not be appalled. They are not quitters.

But now they are confused: a confusion which is deliberately added to and nursed by the common enemy and by our own defeatists and isolationists.

Full, clear, simply stated facts from London would be like a bracing dash of fresh cold water to a weary man.

Let the workman in Cleveland be told of the sinking of the aeroplane parts he has laboured for three months to make. He will not despair nor go on strike. He will be exceedingly angry and will make his anger felt in the best way he can find—by making more and better aeroplane parts, and by insisting that his Government see that the second consignment is delivered.

For the moment the issue in this main theatre of the war hangs very largely on the timeliness and effect with which American naval and air aid can be brought to bear on it.

The Iraq revolt appears, as I suggested, to have received little real support among the Iraqi population or from other Moslem countries. The likelihood of a widespread Arab movement in favour of the Axis now seems remote.

Reinforcements, including convoy through the Mediterranean, continue to reach Egypt, the Axis position in Libya becomes more questionable almost hourly. Spain is still to be kept in mind as possibly "Hitler's next move," but from these distant scenes the eyes of the observer must turn to the battle of the Atlantic—the battle of transportation which must be won in order that the fruits of certain victory in the battle of production may be reaped.—(M.I.)

"Parties Like Cocktails" BLEND YOUR GUESTS

—says Elsa

Running a party is like mixing a cocktail, says Elsa Maxwell, the jolly hostess whose parties are famous in Europe as well as America.

"There is something unusual, something charming in every human being," she says. "You have to find that something in every guest and then blend what you have. Only you must blend judiciously."

"You should make your parties personal. Get people to talk about themselves. Everyone loves doing that whether they admit it or not."

"If they don't talk about themselves it means they are not sufficiently at home."

Miss Maxwell has a cure for the guest who does not enter into the spirit of a party. She hands him (or her) a book and says:

"Take this to bed with you. You are not enjoying this party and I'm not enjoying you. Good night!"

"In most cases they snap out of it and join in with the rest. If they don't, well just let them go."

How did she learn to run parties? Well, you have to go back to the time when Elsa was mixing with a young theatrical set in London—Noel Coward, Beatrice Lillie, Gertrude Lawrence, and others.

They were invited to a reception to meet Queen Mary. There she met Princess Beatrice, who took a great liking to her. Elsa had only 17 shillings and sixpence but she decided to ask Princess Beatrice to her little flat.

"The theatrical folk came with us. I could not afford much—just a few sandwiches, some hard-boiled eggs and beer. But the guests went for it in a big way."

"Princess Beatrice said: 'This is one of the loveliest parties I've ever known. You make things go with a swing!'"

"I began wondering if I make others as happy as I made the Princess. I gave another party and I've been giving them ever since."

THE BIBLE IN BASIC ENGLISH

By Hugh Redwood

"And the light goes on shining in the dark: it is not overcome by the dark."

GRIN AND BEAR IT

By Lichty



"Let's go in!—I don't think you visualize me in it!"

This rendering of the familiar words of the Fourth Gospel ("And the light shineth in darkness; and the darkness comprehended it not"—John 1, 5) is a fair sample of the new translation of the Bible into Basic English.

The work is so far advanced that the Basic New Testament will be available for the public presently. It is being published jointly by the Cambridge University Press and Messrs Evans Bros., Ltd.

"Far more than a publishing event," is the view which the syndics of the Cambridge University Press take of its issue at the present time.

"HOMELY WORDS"

Basic English, produced by Mr C. K. Ogden, of the Orthological Institute, is a simple form of the language, restricted to a vocabulary of 850 words.

For the purpose of the Bible translation, however, 150 words have been added—50 of them special Bible words and the others listed as giving most help in the reading of verse.

Two separate groups of experts have watched over the production of the New Testament, and the result, it is held, is "a gospel simple, clear and in homely words such as are used and understood by common men."



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TURKS FRIENDS OF BOTH SIDES

LONDON, June 25 (Reuter).—The Turco-German Pact was unanimously approved by the Turkish Grand National Assembly today, states the Ankara radio. The German Ambassador, von Papen, was present at the Session.

M. Sarajoglu, the Turkish Foreign Minister, in a statement on the Pact said, "This treaty which regulates the relations of the two countries concerned and which shows that these relations will develop in a friendly manner in the future, is characterised by a definite stipulation that so far as we are concerned it means that Turkey's existing pledges under the Turco-British alliance are foremost and remain intact."

"In this light I consider it my duty to thank the German statesmen who have afforded us the means of working fervently for the establishment of Turco-German friendship by accepting the reservation that we keep our word already pledged to our friends."

"This constituted the main condition in the conduct of the negotiations."

Open Negotiations

M. Sarajoglu then proceeded to give details of how the pact had been brought about, explaining that during negotiations both parties had acted correctly and openly.

M. Sarajoglu added "Moreover, we on our part, kept our British friends informed of important phases in the development of our negotiations with the Germans, and in most instances carried on consultations with our British friends."

Fair Play

After stating that Turkey had followed fair play, M. Sarajoglu concluded, "It can again be stated on this side that the Turkish army—herald guardian of our peace—and along the same front, belligerent nations as well as neutrals, and finally world public opinions have taken their stand to safeguard Turkish peace. We will not fail in our effort to prove to the world by future development of our activities that Turkey deserves to remain in this honourable position."

American Red Cross Record

Huge Relief Sums

WASHINGTON, June 25 (Reuter).—The American Red Cross has spent over \$18,000,000 and the United States Government over \$16,000,000 on war relief for Britain, Belgium, Canada, China, Finland, France, Greece, the Netherlands, Norway, Poland, Spain, Switzerland and Yugo-Slavia.

Almost half of this has been for the British, declared Mr. Laurence Mitchell, of the American Red Cross, in his testimony to the House Appropriations Sub-Committee.

Mr. Mitchell said that no instance had been reported of any diversion or confiscation of supplies.

Eleven of 369 ships carrying supplies to Britain had been lost at sea. One shipload for Greece had also been lost.

A Toast To Russia

LONDON, June 25 (Reuter).—"To the success of Russia" was the toast proposed to-day amid prolonged applause by Lord Nathan at a luncheon at which M. Ivan Malsky, the Soviet Ambassador, was present.

The Soviet Ambassador replied: "I have no intention of speaking on this occasion, but I would like on behalf of my Government and country to express my sincere gratitude to Lord Nathan for his toast."

Shanghai Rumour Refuted

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH". CHUNGKING, June 25 (UP).—It is authoritatively stated that the Shanghai rumour that Dr. Quo Tachang's plane had been shot down by Japanese planes or was wrecked while making a forced landing is entirely groundless.

Red Army Staff Officer Explodes Nazi Myth

MOSCOW, June 25 (Reuter).—"The invincibility of the German army is a myth," declares Lieut-General Michael Khozin, head of the Frunze Academy, the "Aldershot" of the Soviet Union, in the Communist Party organ "Pravda."

General Khozin says that Nazi troops bluster about this myth, but their victories of 1939 and 1940 were mainly won by treachery in the rear of their smaller enemies who were always numerically inferior.

The writer cites the German foreknowledge of the Polish mobilisation plan, that Norwegian troops were on manoeuvre with blank ammunition some distance from the German landings, and the signals given from the ground aiding German paratroopers who had such effect in the Dutch campaign.

Yugo-Slavia

General Khozin mentions that the Yugo-Slav Prime Minister, General Simitch, had to remove many high officers in the few days at his dis-

LABOUR IN U. S.

FEWER STRIKES

WASHINGTON, June 25 (Reuter).—The labour position is generally "very encouraging," according to Mr. Sidney Hillman, head of the Labour Division of Office Production Management.

Testifying to the House of Representatives Appropriations Committee, Mr. Hillman said "We can look forward to fewer interruptions in work." He said he was convinced "we are getting more support all the way through."

Nearly 3,000,000 more persons, he added, had resumed work during the past year and there were fewer shortages of men in key positions in defence work than a year ago.

Subversive Elements

Mr. Hillman said that his office was trying hard to reduce defence strikes by weeding out subversive elements in the Labour Unions.

Mr. Donald Nelson, Purchasing Manager of the O.P.M., stated that "communities" noted for strikes and other disturbances might find themselves unable to get new defence orders and "plant locations." The O.P.M. he added, very definitely took into consideration labour difficulties and interferences, and it was placing orders and establishing new manufacturing facilities.

JAPAN IS NONPLUSSED Will Play Wait And See Policy

TOKYO, June 25 (Reuter).—Discussing for the first time Japan's plans to deal with the new international situation created by the Soviet entry into the war, "sources close to the Government" to-day stated, according to "Domei," "there will be no change in Japan's fundamental policy of attaching primary importance to the solution of the Sino-Japanese conflict and the establishment of a new order in East Asia."

"Consequently the Japanese Government is at present not placing undue importance on the question of issuing any announcement formally defining its attitude or of clarifying its future policy, but prefers calmly to watch events abroad and to deal with future developments as they arise."

"During this time, the Cabinet will meet in extraordinary session whenever necessary and will also hold consultations from time to time with high officials of the War and Navy Ministries."

Red Black Sea Defence Area More Important Than Baltic

LONDON, June 25 (Reuter).—The Russian submarine flotilla in the Black Sea has recently been reinforced by Admiral Kuznetsov, Commander-in-Chief of the Russian Navy, according to news reaching Ankara, says the Independent French news agency.

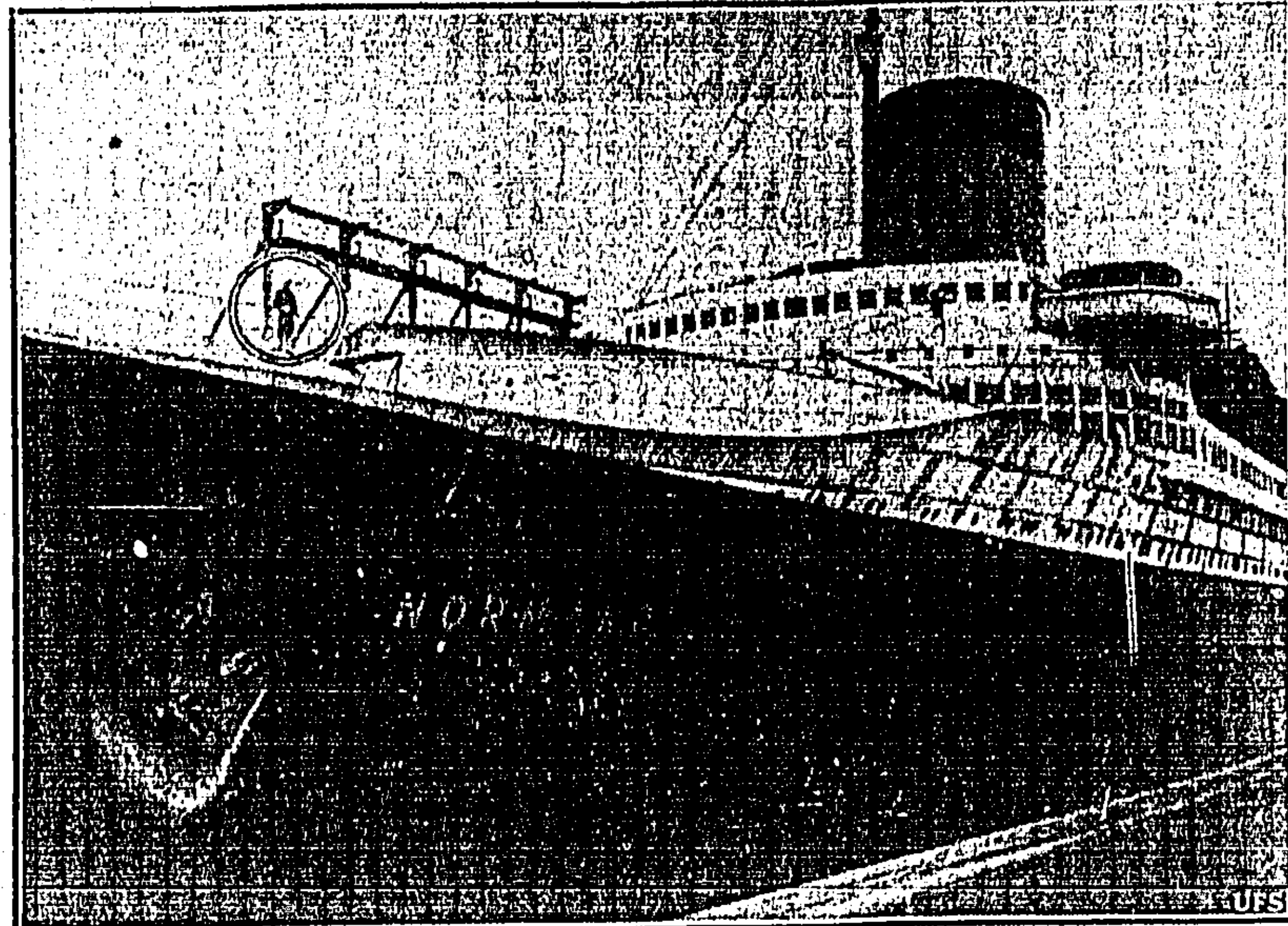
This follows discussions regarding priority between the defences of the Baltic and the Black Seas.

The Russians finally decided that the defence of the Caucasus was more important as a supply centre of the Red Army.

The Russians are said to be constructing underground aerodromes in the Ukraine with a view to avoiding the destruction of planes on the ground.

Calls On Mr Eden

LONDON, June 25 (Reuter).—The British Foreign Secretary, Mr. Anthony Eden, in addition to his interview to-day with the Spanish Ambassador, also saw the Netherlands Foreign Minister, Dr. E. N. van Kleffens, and the United States Ambassador, Mr. John G. Winant.



IN CUSTODY—Coast Guardsman, circle, keeps watch above huge French liner Normandie, at New York dock, after famed ship was taken into protective custody by U.S. government. Action follows Vichy link with Nazis.

Sino - British Association Annual Report Now Issued

The annual report has been issued of the Sino-British Cultural Association (Hongkong Branch), which will hold its annual general meeting at 5.30 p.m. to-morrow, in the Fung Ping Shan Library, Hongkong University.

It is stated that the membership of the Branch Association is 135, being 69 British and 66 Chinese. There are altogether 22 lady members. The Association records with sorrow the loss by death of Mr R. E. Lindsell, Pseudo Judge of the Supreme Court, Hongkong. In July, Dr. Lin Xu-tang accepted the invitation to become an Honorary Member of the Association.

The programme for the year 1940 provided for a series of lectures, several art exhibitions, a garden party, an annual dinner and a luncheon meeting.

There was an exhibition in October of oil paintings of Chinese landscape scenery by Prof. R. C. Robertson, of the University of Hongkong.

On November 1, a garden party was given by the Hon. Mr and Mrs M. K. Lo and Mr and Mrs M. H. Lo at their residence, 62 Conduit Road, to the members of the Association.

Annual Dinner

The first annual dinner of the Association was held at the Chinese Merchants' Club on January 3, 1941, when over 100 members and guests were present. It was a distinguished gathering, and the guests included Dr W. W. Yen, ex-Premier of the Chinese Republic and some time Ambassador to Washington and to Moscow.

On February 28, a three-day exhibition of about 112 ancient Chinese paintings from the collection of Mr Hsiao Shiu-min, a Yunnanese banker, was opened by Mr D. J. Sloss, Vice-Chancellor of the University at the Fung Ping Shan Library. The collection comprised many valuable and remarkable pictures, some of them dating back nearly 1,000 years.

On April 4, the Association held a luncheon meeting in the Roof Garden of the Hong Kong Hotel in honour of its Hon. President, His Excellency Sir Geoffrey Northcote, who had returned in March after some ten months of leave. About 150 attended.

Lectures

Lectures were delivered in the course of the year by Miss Agnes Smedley, authoress of "China Fights Back"; Prof. Tschun Yin-koh of Tsing-tung University; Mr T. K. Chuan, Editor of the "Tien Hsia Monthly"; and Prof. Gordon King.

In addition to the art exhibitions mentioned above, several others were organised as joint efforts with the Association for the Advancement of Chinese Culture.

By kind permission of the Vice-Chancellor of the University of Hongkong, all these exhibitions, and most of the lectures, were held in the Fung Ping Shan Library of the University. Thanks are also due to the management of the Chinese Merchants' Club for allowing the first annual dinner and all the meetings of the Standing Committee to be held in its club-house.

Scholarship Plan

At the first annual general meeting on June 25, 1940, a scholarship of the annual value of \$400 for a student qualified to enter the School of Chinese Studies in Hongkong University was created, the proposal having been made by Prof. Forster, Hon. Treasurer. Acting upon this decision, the Standing Committee drew up in September the regulations for the scholarship. So far no one has applied for the scholarship. At present only one scholarship is planned; but the Committee hope more can be established in course of time.

In the course of the year, complimentary copies of various periodicals have been received by the Association. Owing to the lack of a club-house, the magazines are now temporarily kept in the Fung Ping Shan Library. Thanks are due to all those responsible for making the gifts.

The financial position of the Association is sound, as shown in the Hon. Treasurer's statement of Accounts. The balance in hand on June 17, 1941, amounts to \$655.45.

FREE FRANCE

Former Petain Followers Joining Movement

"Overnight, under the impulse of a great leader, General de Gaulle, a movement which was to be known as Free France was born. It attracted at first all those who spontaneously reacted to the shame inflicted on people of France by a handful of traitors, shielding themselves behind Petain. To-day, a year after the tragic and ignominious armistice, we see coming to us most of those who had given Marshal Petain the benefit of the doubt. To-day it is no longer possible to have doubts," declared Mr Charles Baron, representative of General de Gaulle in the Far East in an interview with the A.F.I. correspondent here yesterday.

Mr Baron, who has been in the Colony longer than expected due to a short illness, has now completely recovered.

"The men in Vichy who speak of collaboration with Hitler," continued Mr Baron, "must see by now that it means complete servitude for France. A glance at 'Mein Kampf' should suffice to convince them of it if they are sincere. But they do not need to be convinced, they know. Their Government, born of defeat, can only hope to live through a German victory."

Mr Baron went on to say that the movement of Free France had a very modest and discreet beginning. Now, however, the exploits of the Free French Forces, the vast territories which have rallied to General de Gaulle and the eventuality of an official recognition of General de Gaulle as the Head of France by Great Britain and the United States have given to it a conspicuous and evergrowing place in the Crusade of Free peoples.

"Do not forget," he said, "that Free France is not only the French people and the volunteers whom you see in increasing numbers passing through Hongkong; it is also our soldiers, our airmen and our sailors, who are being re-inforced from every corner of the world; it is above all made of the millions of Frenchmen of France, occupied or unoccupied, whose every hope is straining to wards us and of whom all those who succeed in reaching our forces bear the fervent testimony. They feel with us all those who refuse defeat and the subject glorification of the Vichy regime. To impose on them to try to justify their acts. And those to-day represent the vast majority of Frenchmen."

Mr Baron, who is returning shortly to Singapore, said that his prolonged stay in Hongkong had brought about a still closer understanding between Free France and the British authorities here. "Looking back only a few months," he said, "and considering our organisation in Hongkong and the Far East to-day, there is matter for satisfaction at the tremendous progress made and there is ground for the highest hopes for the future."

Mr Baron ended by saying that everywhere in Hongkong he had met with the utmost kindness and helpful understanding.

BRITAIN'S FISH SHORTAGE

LONDON, June 25 (Reuter).—A determined drive to present poaching in fish was announced by the Food Minister, Lord Woolton, in the House of Lords to-day.

Britain gets no more than 25 per cent. of former fish supplies since the Admiralty requisitioned 75 per cent. of the country's fish trawlers for mine-sweeping.

Fish prices to a house wife have risen disproportionately. An order will shortly be issued controlling the price at the quay, in spite of and at all intermediate stages so that it will no longer be profitable to speculate in fish.

The average price will be 9s 10d per stone compared with last month's ruling price of 13s 6d. Measures will also be taken to insure fair distribution to all parts of the country.

PANAMA CHINESE

More Immigrants Return to Hongkong

No less than 100 passengers were carried by the American President Lines steamer, President Madison, when she arrived in the Colony from Panama and San Francisco via Manila, yesterday. Instead she had 175 Chinese passengers from Panama City, among them being two women and about 10 to 15 children. The children were on their way back to their mother country, but could not appear in front of Chinese, but only Spanish.

The President Madison was formerly on round-the-world trips, but since the requisitioning of a number of the American President liners has been transferred to the Pacific run.

Recent reports regarding discrimination against the Chinese by the Panama Government would appear to be verified by statements made by these travellers, and by some of the ship's officers.

"Somehow or other, the Panama Government has passed a law legislating these people out of their livelihoods," said one of the officers. "One story I heard," he said, "was that every shop or business had to employ a certain amount of Panamanian help."

Another officer said that he had heard that all Chinese had to leave Panama, and that one of them had to sell his business within 24 hours notice. In fact, they were just forced to leave.

Another of the ship's officers said that he met the Chinese Minister to Panama during the ship's stay there, and he had been told that the Government had passed a law requiring every establishment to have two Panamanians for every Chinese worker.

One of the passengers said that Chinese were not allowed by law to carry on with their businesses after September 24, and many were now selling out and returning to China.

This is the third large batch of Chinese to return from Panama, and another full ship is expected from Panama within the next six weeks.

THAILAND CELEBRATES ANNIVERSARY OF DEMOCRATIC COUP

BANGKOK, June 25 (Reuter).—While democracy is horn-locked in mortal combat in Europe, Thailand has re-affirmed her faith in democratic ideals by a three-day nation-wide celebration of the ninth birthday of the Democratic Constitution which she won with a bloodless coup d'etat on June 24, 1932.

One of the coup d'etat leaders is the present head of the Thai Government, Major General Luang Pibul Songgram.

Public Services Besides illuminations, fairs, processions, fireworks displays, tournaments and torchlight parades, the National Day celebrations were marked by the opening of new avenues, trunk roads, railways, a landing station for international flying boats, an internal commercial air line, University buildings, schools, hospitals and a Buddhist monastery where Buddha's relics brought from India have been deposited.

A foundation stone was also laid for a memorial for those who fell in the Indo-China border conflict.

Co-operation With Tokyo

BANGKOK, June 25 (Reuter).—"I wish very much for Mr Matsunaka to pay a visit to Thailand," said the Thai Premier to Japanese pressmen, when the latter presented him with an ancient Japanese sword. The Premier said that he wanted to visit Japan but could not find the time at present, but he would go when the opportunity was found. He desired to promote co-operation between Thailand and Japan to the highest pitch.

Dutch Butchers Sent To Concentration Camp

LONDON, June 25 (Reuter).—Five Dutch butchers were sent to a German concentration camp for the illegal slaughter of meat, according to Dutch circles in London. This sentence was described as a warning.

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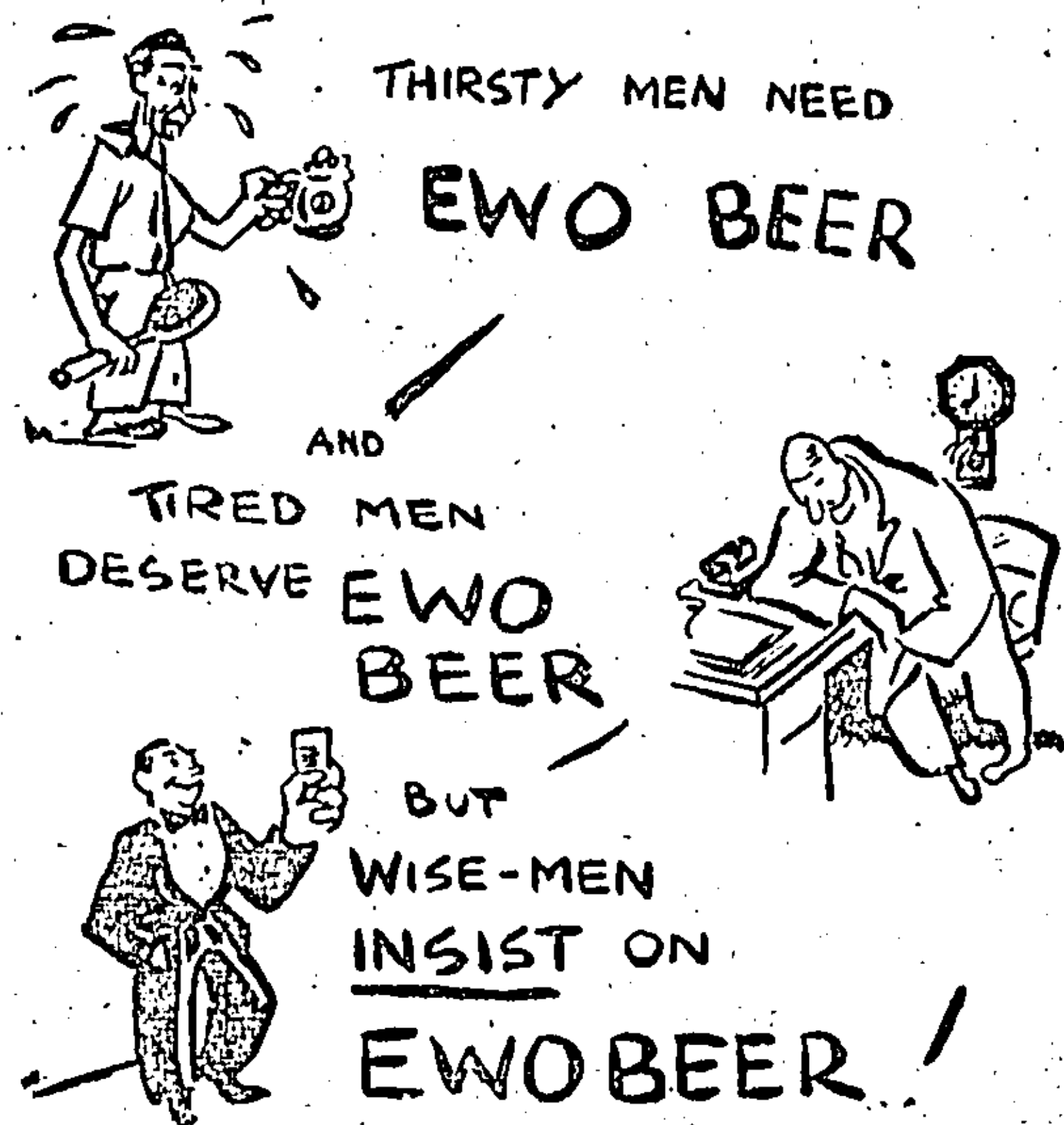
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Japanese Architect Indignant

Jun Yamada, one of the best dwelling house architects in Japan, has closed down his office because he found continuance of his business impossible because of the building materials shortage and because of his repugnance of its accompanying illegal deals.

He has already discharged more than 50 carpenters and workmen and more than 10 office workers in his employment. Interviewed recently he spoke at his home at Shitochi, Shibuya-ku, Tokyo, as follows: "I have been in dwelling house architecture business since 1917 and was responsible for the plans of more than 1,000 houses. Although I consider the shortage building materials inevitable because Japan is engaged in a large-scale war, I cannot but be indignant at the rampant illegal transactions. When every hastily built house of bad materials requires between ¥150 and ¥200 per tatami (4 square meters) as at present, I cannot continue to make good house honestly. In my opinion, it is up to the Government to distribute materials on a fair basis for solving the problem fundamentally."

Mongolian Rice Land Expanded

PEIPING.—Vast reclamation projects to expand rice cultivation are making progress in Honan Province and in Inner Mongolia.

Honan, which is also an important cotton producer, is working on the reclamation of 60,000 acres as part of the construction of a network of waterways and flood prevention works. In Inner Mongolia, large tracts are to be reclaimed in the vicinity of Fushou, likewise for rice land. Water will be diverted from the Yellow River for irrigation.

Sale of Chinese Works of Art

Sotheby's concluded recently a three-day sale of the late Mr. H. K. Burnett's collection of Chinese works of art for a total of £6,131. The highest price, £270, was given for a Shang-Yin Dynasty bronze Ting of circular shape, with two loop handles, supported on three cylindrical legs, boldly decorated in high relief with 'ao' fish masks on a ground of thunder fret with black inlay, the legs with engraved dentate ornament, and an archaic character in the interior. A Chou Dynasty finely patinated bronze wine vessel of beaker shape made £230.



Mr. George C. Lau, who will take a leading part in the Chinese opera, "Si Han," to be presented at the Taling Theatre to-night under the auspices of the Hong-kong Chinese Women's Soldiers' Relief Association. He will also appear in "The Three Kingdoms," to be given to-morrow evening.

R. A. Pictures Down By Half

Only half the number of all paintings submitted last year was handed in at the Royal Academy for the Summer Exhibition.

One of them, "Hitler in Hell," by 21-year-old Kenneth Snowman, of Hampstead, has been submitted twice before, and accepted, but the Hanging Committee was unable to find space for it.

It shows Hitler lying naked on a stone swastika, his head resting unceasingly on a book exuding blood with a demon about to push him into a fiery pit. Some of Hitler's satellites are being pushed into the pit surrounded by snakes.

No Censorship

Most of the pictures sent in are peaceful landscapes, still life and flower subjects, and portraits. The exhibition will not be subject to censorship, an official stated, but artists who have painted war scenes have had to obtain permits, and to submit their work to the Censor individually.

Black Bourse For Timber: £500 Fine

Described by prosecuting counsel as "ringleader of a sort of Black Bourse for timber in London," Moses D. Goldman, of Brick Lane, Bethnal Green, was fined a total of £500 at Old Street recently and ordered to pay £105 costs.

He had been summoned as a director of Baltimore Lumber Company, Ltd., which was stated to have disposed of timber to purchasers not licensed by the Minister of Supply. Twenty summonses against the company were withdrawn.

Defending counsel said Goldman wanted to put his creditors right, and lost his head to save the business.

"Whippet" Escapes From Nazis

London, May 9.—A pint-sized former London mail-carrier, Evelyn Sidney White, 31, was identified today as one of the two sappers of the Royal Engineers who broke out of a German prison camp to make a 1200-mile escape across Nazi Europe to Greece and freedom.

Their odyssey was first described May 6 in the House of Commons by Foreign Secretary Anthony Eden.

To-day White's wife received a delayed telegram from Greece: "Old nasty hadn't enough wire to keep us in. Had a tough time, but we got through all right."

White is so small he was known in his London suburb as "Whippet."

His companion in the escape was not identified. The two, speaking only English, tramped across Poland, Hungary, Yugoslavia and Greece, apparently helped along an "underground railway" by Allied sympathizers.

Both men have rejoined their units in Egypt.

J. P.'s Retire At 75

Justices of the Peace who are too old or infirm to discharge their duties efficiently will be compulsorily retired under the Justices (Supplemental List) Bill, which has just been introduced by Viscount Simon, the Lord Chancellor, moved the second reading in the House of Lords recently.

Seventy-five will be the normal age of retirement for J.P.s. In recent years there has been a voluntary system under which they can be transferred to a supplemental list, losing their right to sit on the Bench but retaining their positions for administrative purposes.

Besides giving legal recognition to the supplemental list, the new bill empowers the Lord Chancellor to enter on it the name of any J.P. who, "by reason of his age or infirmity or other like cause," ceases to exercise judicial functions.

Grievance Over Lost Sea Kit

An effort is being made by the Mercantile Marine Service Association to secure for merchant ships' officers and men better scales of compensation and allowances for kit lost through war hazards.

The loss of kit, particularly of instruments, cannot be replaced at a cost less than about double the compensation received. It is stated that many men have to spend pounds they can ill afford to re-equip themselves for another voyage.

The Government is giving the matter consideration.

What Children Dream About in War-Time

Children's war-time dreams are being collected as evidence of the effects of air-raids.

In a Paddington school, 250 boys and girls between 8 and 14 years have been describing their dreams of the night before as part of their daily class-work in English.

Results were so significant that the headmaster, Mr. J. W. Ruddock, decided to record and study them. "The dreams show that life in war-time London has had only a transitory effect on the children," he said.

They treat the worst dangers objectively and even defiantly, and such incidents as leaving home because of time-bombs they take in their stride like a visit to a aunt."

Thrilling Deeds
Only nine boys and 20 girls had dreams involving fear. The boys' bogey was a lion, burglar or ghost. The girls' bogey was a German parachutist.

Only 10 per cent. dreamed about air-raids. Actually, this proportion was smaller because the dreams were mostly about fire-bombs, and fire is a normal subject of dreams.

Most of the boys dreamed of thrilling war deeds. The great majority dreamed of being in the R.A.F., piloting bombers over Germany. Not a boy dreamed of being in the Army.

—And Then The V.C.
Here is a typical boy's dream: "I got on the tail of four Germans, destroyed two, sending the third down out of control. The other got away. All the crews baled out safely. My engine went off. I got on to the wing and jumped. I counted to the wing and jumped. I got back to the base safely. And I was awarded the V.C."

Girls sought escape in fairyland or far-distant countries. Older girls had dreams of evacuation to romantic homes.

There were only a few dreams about food. This indicates there is no shortage of food explained Mr. Ruddock. When a teacher asked a class how many children would be willing to do fire watching they jumped out of their seats with excitement and every hand flew into the air.

Wounded War Prisoners Repatriation Sought

A way of repatriating badly-wounded British and German war prisoners is being sought by the International Red Cross Committee.

Men to be repatriated will be those so injured that they cannot fight again. German prisoners in Britain are being examined by a special Commission of two Swiss doctors and one British. They will decide which wounded may be sent home.

A similar Commission is at work among British prisoners in Germany. **"Not An Exchange"**

A War Office official said recently: "Any prisoners claiming that by reason of their injuries they are permanently non-combatant may ask for repatriation."

"When a route and transport has been agreed upon, the men recommended by the doctors will go. The return of prisoners, it is stressed, will be repatriation, not exchange."

A Red Cross official said that the chief difficulty of transport. **After Switzerland?**

"The Germans can easily put British wounded into Switzerland, but transport after that is causing some worry and we have not yet planned transport for Germans. Nothing can be done until this question is settled."

No German prisoners in Canada are to be repatriated. "They are the healthiest, lustiest of the German prisoners and have therefore no claim under International Law."

Germans Fly Over Greenland

A Greenland official arriving in America recently aboard a Danish vessel said German planes made reconnaissance flight over the east of the island late in March.

Dr. Sylvester Saxtorph, island medical director who is en route to New York to purchase supplies, made the statement in reply to a question whether he had witnessed any indications of German intentions to occupy Greenland.

The United States embraced Greenland within its hemisphere defense system early in April and President Roosevelt said then it was proposed to make sure the island would remain Danish.

Dr. Saxtorph said the German planes consisted of two squadrons of six planes each and that they made several flights over the eastern coast.

CENSORS 'CREATE MISTRUST'

Attempts by Government Departments to minimise bad news about the war were referred to at the annual conference of the National Union of Journalists in Manchester.

Mr Ernest Hunter, in his presidential address, criticised the Service departments of the Censorship Bureau.

The foolish attempts by the Ministry of Home Security and the Air Ministry to hide the extent of casualties in air raids could not, he said, be defended.

They created distrust and ought to stop. A possible danger, in view of the newspaper shortage, added Mr Hunter, was that some bright genius might evolve the idea of only one newspaper to tell the nation the news.

Free To Criticise
But a varied Press, free to argue and criticise, was part of the essence of our national case in this war.

The conference, while dissociating itself from the "defeatist and subversive" propaganda of "The Daily Worker," passed a resolution protesting against the method of the paper's suppression.

The conference unanimously elected Mr Tom Foster, a member of the staff of the "Daily Herald," as president of the union for 1941-42. Mr Donald Elliott, of Edinburgh, becomes vice-president.

CHURCH'S CURE FOR "INSOLENT BUREAUCRATS"

"The insouciance of power is a subtle poison and embitters even the services of the benighted Ministry. To the average bureaucratic the poor are not immortal souls or sons of God. At the best they are interesting cases; at the worst a mass of statistics or confounded nuisances."

So said Mr Philip Milner Oliver, of Manchester, in his presidential address to the General Assembly of Unitarian and Free Christian Churches at Oxford recently.

"The medieval Church had a corrective for such insolence," Mr Oliver added. "Her great ones washed the feet of beggars. The practice might be revived, and the feet of the poor be washed by our Civil Servants."

Beautiful, Dangerous
He also said the war was a war of the cold and arrogant Prussian as in 1914 but of the romantic South from which German leaders came.

Realism was a beautiful but dangerous thing. It bred no devils. The narrow streets of its Gothic cities, bright in the sunshine, were sinister in shadow.

One day it painted a lovely Madonna, the next it planned a pogrom of the Jews.

Film Libraries Plan For Schools

Establishment of regional film libraries throughout the country after the war is recommended by the British Film Institute in a report on the use of educational films in schools.

These libraries, it is argued, would create a constant demand for new film prints.

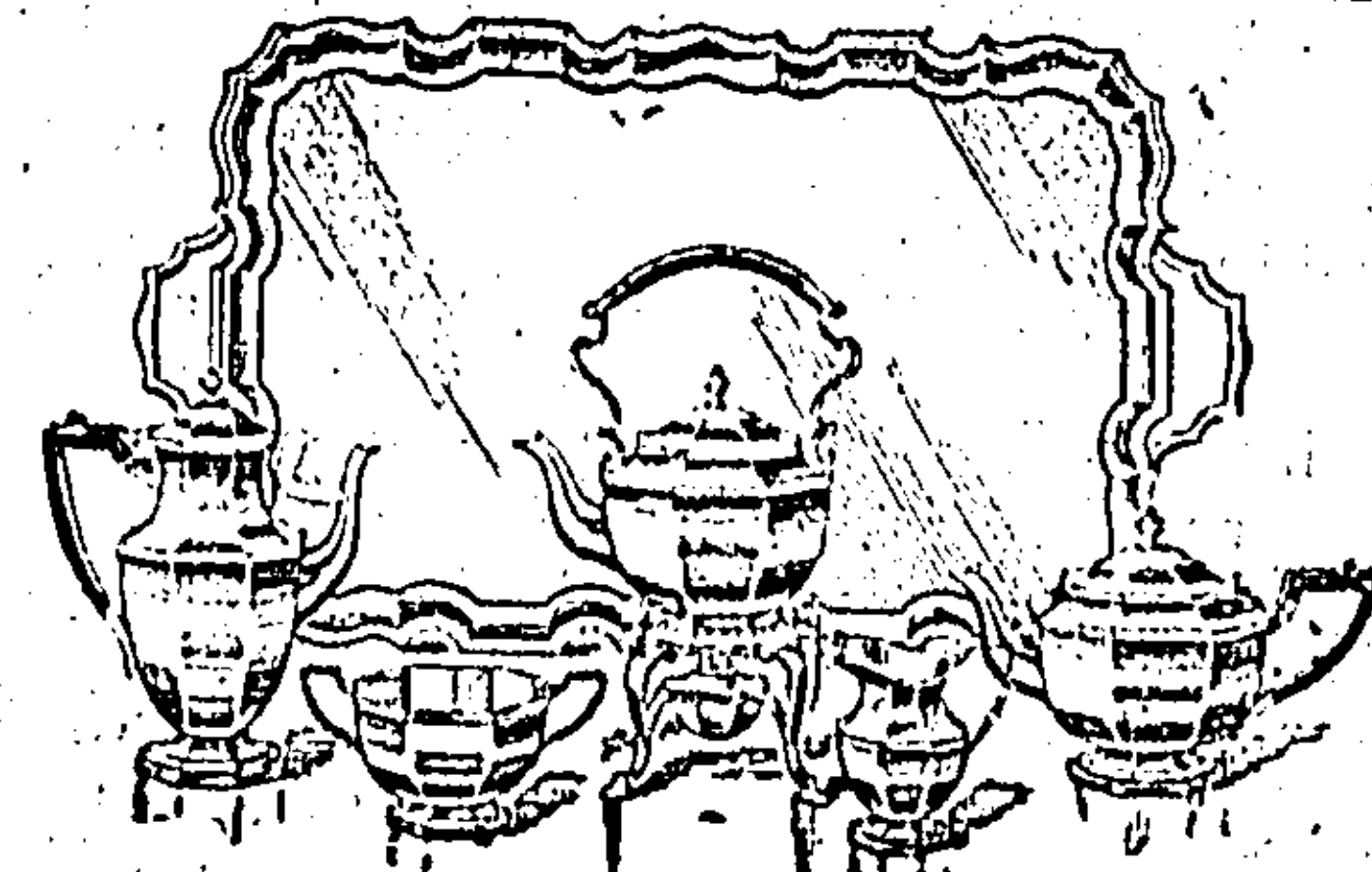
The report states that 80 per cent. of North of England schools equipped with film projectors had not used them for the last 12 months and 50 per cent. had been idle for the past 18 months. The reason was that they could not afford the hiring fees charged by commercial film libraries.

Hit Bomb With A Hammer: Killed

"One can only think that this man wanted to show his knowledge of bombs to his relatives," said the coroner at a Wimbledon inquest on Sapper A. E. Tomkins.

It was stated that Tomkins tried to knock the top off an enemy fire bomb with a hammer and chisel. It exploded, killing him and injuring two boys and a girl.

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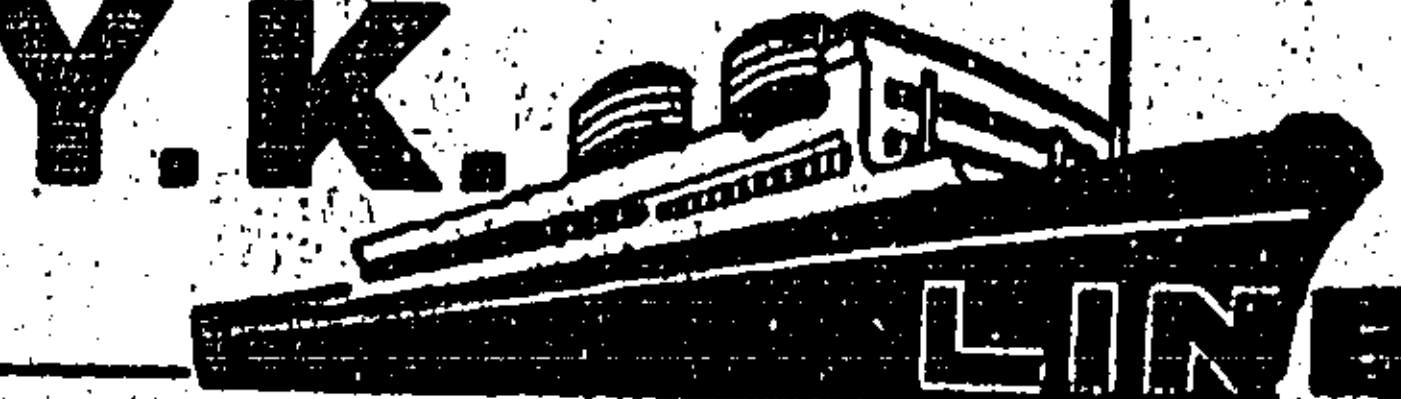
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Bessarabia from Paleu—midway between Jassy and Galatz—is described in a dispatch by a special correspondent of "Investia," the official organ of the Soviet Government.

The correspondent says, "Our frontier guards made heroic efforts to prevent the crossing of the river but could not withstand the pressure of the enemy who had an enormous numerical superiority.

Having concentrated a powerful force of infantry and tanks, on the Soviet bank, the enemy began the offensive. It was necessary to deal him a terrific blow immediately.

Cavalry Charge

Bombers and fighters hurled themselves as he crossed the frontier, raining down bombs. Numbers of enemy tanks were immediately destroyed and their infantry suffered heavy losses. Disorder broke out in the enemy ranks during this raid and, taking advantage, the Soviet cavalry charged their lines using their sabres and chasing the enemy back towards the bridge.

The avalanche of cavalry destroyed all in its path and cleared the bridge of the enemy.

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powerful blows to communications in the rear of the enemy.

South-Eastern Front

LONDON, June 25 (Reuter).—The following communiqué was issued to-day by the General Command on the German-Rumanian front, according to a Bucharest dispatch to the official Italian news agency:

"Operations during the first three days have proceeded according to plans established in advance. Some attempts by the enemy to counter-attack were repulsed.

"Enemy aviation yesterday made an intensive bombardment of Constantza, Sulina and Galatz, and dropped several bombs on Tulcea, Braila and Jassy, but without causing any damage of importance.

Remarkable

"Our aircraft bombed important military objectives, obtaining everywhere remarkable results.

"German and Rumanian aviation have demonstrated in the past three days their crushing superiority over enemy aviation, destroying 400 enemy machines. Out of this total, 30 Soviet planes were destroyed by the Rumanian air force and anti-aircraft guns, and 40 machines were destroyed on the ground by the Rumanian air force which lost a total of 12 machines."

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are still at Helsinki but the Minister's family departed yesterday, according to a report received here.

The Polish Minister and the Military Attache have received their passports and are expected to go to Stockholm.

Helsinki Bombings

HELSINKI, June 25 (UP).—It is officially announced that the wide-spread bombings by the Soviets in the last ten hours have resulted in fires and numerous casualties at many places, at least being one fatal.

Twenty Soviet planes were shot down over Finnish territory.

Fifteen Soviet planes bombed Joensuu at 11 a.m. and three others re-bombed the town at noon. One civilian was killed and thirty wounded.

One fire was started at Rovaniemi when the town was bombed by three Soviet planes and many fires were started when it was again bombed at 11.30 a.m.

Other places bombed to-day included Saint Michel, Kemijarvi, Joroki, and Norkia near Tampere where one was killed.

Parliament Meets

BERLIN, June 25 (Reuter).—The Finnish Parliament met in a secret session at 7 o'clock to-night, states a Helsinki despatch. After an hour the session was adjourned.

It was resumed at 9.30 p.m., and was still in progress two hours later.



DON'T OVERLOAD—U.S. Army researchers have been developing concentrated rations and here is a day's nourishment in a four-ounce, chocolate-like bar. But Private Lawrence Craine, in Chicago, considers it doesn't look like a he-man's meal.

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respondent of the Independent French news agency.

The exodus from Syria continues, adds the correspondent, and some 150 Germans and Italians arrived in Istanbul from Syria yesterday.

Appeal To Berlin

ZURICH, June 25 (Reuter).—Otto Abetz, German Ambassador to France, has arrived in Berlin, according to the Berlin correspondent of "Die Tat." The aim of his visit, it is reported, is to inform the German Government in accordance with Vichy's wishes of "the exceptional deterioration" in the situation of the Vichy forces in Syria following the fall of Damascus.

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LONDON, June 25 (Reuter).—The Stock Exchange to-day was generally firm, but business was quiet.

Gift-edged holdings recorded an all-round advance and industrials also tended to be higher with further investment on heavy stocks.

Among foreign bonds, Japanese were strong generally, being 22 1/2 higher, while Chinese and Brazilians also improved.

Kaffirs were irregularly higher. Wall Street was slow.

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the official German news agency, states: "In the situation occasioned by the outbreak of war between Germany and the Soviet Union, Sweden will unswervingly pursue her autonomy and independence and to remain outside the conflict.

"By the new position, however, we are faced with certain exceptional questions. Thus it has been suggested both by Finland and Germany that Sweden should permit the transport by the Swedish railway of a corps of troops limited to one division from Norway to Finland.

"The Government, with the consent of the Riksdag, and in consideration of the formality necessary for the protection of Swedish sovereignty.

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It is understood that the Prime Minister made a comprehensive statement to the House.

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ALLIED FORCES IN SYRIA

AMERICAN citizens, he has no intention of issuing a proclamation.

Combat Zones

Asked what effect this would have on the transport of arms to Russia in American ships, Mr. Welles explained that the combat zones already established by the President do not include the Pacific region. Vladivostok will thus remain open to American ships carrying arms or any other supplies.

Under the Neutrality Act, American ships are forbidden to carry arms to "belligerent" ports or defined combat areas.

Mr. Welles added that the United States had still not received an official communication from the Russian Government since the American declaration on Monday favouring Russia against Germany and President Roosevelt's announcement that all American aid possible would be given to Russia.

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Relaxing Export Control

MANILA, June 25 (UP).—It is reliably reported that Mr. Francis Sayre, the United States High Commissioner has queried Washington regarding the possibility of relaxing the export control on shipments to Russia.

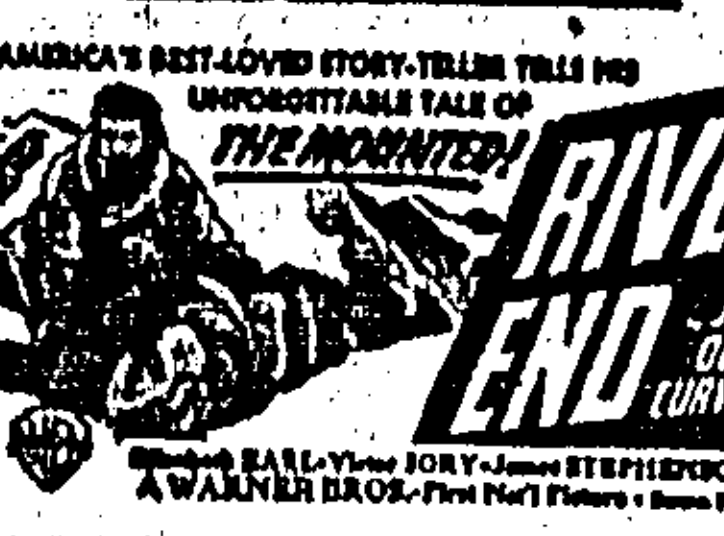
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SWEDEN'S ACTION

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Grannie Becomes An Engineer

A grandmother, training as an engineer, is being coached at home in her simple arithmetic course by her small grandson. She was mentioned by Miss Caroline Haslett, Ministry of Labour adviser on women's training, as an example of what women could do if given the chance.

Miss Haslett suggested that a monument should be erected to land-ladies of afflicted war workers, since on them "so much will depend in this war."

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WHITEAWAY'S

Lithuania In War News

Lithuania is again in the news. Its independence has been re-declared following reports of the entry of German troops into Kaunas. Since then the Nazis claim to have captured Vilna, former capital of Lithuania.



FINLAND AT WAR

Declares Herself Against Russia

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

WASHINGTON, June 25 (UP).—The Finnish Legation here has confirmed a report that Finland has declared war on Russia.

First indication of the move came from a Berlin report which stated that information had been received that Finland is in a state of war with Russia and that hostilities are fully under way.

In the meantime, according to a Moscow report, the Turkish Ambassador has informed the Soviet Foreign Commissariat of Turkey's neutrality in the Soviet-German war.

Helsinki Raided

LONDON, June 25 (Reuter).—Moscow Radio announced that Soviet planes to-day raided Helsinki, the capital of Finland.

Russian Envoy

STOCKHOLM, June 25 (Reuter).—The Russian Minister and his staff TURN to Back Page, Column 3

SWEDEN'S ACTION

Transit To Nazi Troops

LONDON, June 25 (Reuter).—Sweden has agreed to the German request for the transit of certain German troops from Norway to Finland, according to a Stockholm dispatch.

Secret Meeting

STOCKHOLM, June 25 (Reuter).—The Riksdag met in a secret session to-day.

No announcement has been made so far regarding yesterday's meeting of the Cabinet presided over by King Gustav.

A meeting of the Foreign Affairs Committee of the Cabinet was also held yesterday under the presidency of the Crown Prince.

Monday and Tuesday have been public holidays but beyond reiteration of Sweden's desire to continue to avoid being dragged into a "great Power's war," it is unlikely that much indication of Sweden's attitude will be available.

Explanation

LONDON, June 25 (Reuter).—A Stockholm communique, according to a Stockholm dispatch to TURN to Back Page, Column 5

Vladivostok Open To Receive U.S. Munitions

WASHINGTON, June 25 (Reuter).—President Roosevelt does not intend to issue a "neutrality" proclamation on the Russo-German war, according to an announcement by Mr. Sumner Welles, Under-Secretary of State, to-day.

United States ships will thus be permitted to carry arms to Vladivostok.

The United States is taking up the same position as she has maintained during the undeclared Sino-Japanese war.

Mr. Welles pointed out that under the Neutrality Act, a neutrality proclamation is required when the President or Congress "shall find that

LENINGRAD REPORTED AFIRE: BIG CLASH EXPECTED SOON

Germans Stated To Have Occupied Vilna

REPORTS OF THE FIGHTING ON THE WIDE FRONT FROM THE BALTIC TO THE BLACK SEA CONTINUE TO BE FRAGMENTARY AND IT IS IMPOSSIBLE TO PRESENT A COMPLETE PICTURE AT THE PRESENT. THE FOLLOWING ARE THE IMPORTANT FEATURES OF TO-DAY'S PRESS DISPATCHES.

"REUTER" QUOTES A REPORT FROM HELSINKI WHICH WAS BROADCAST BY THE ROME RADIO THAT LENINGRAD IS SAID TO BE ABLAZE AND THAT CLOUDS OF SMOKE CAN BE SEEN COMING FROM THE CITY.

"United Press" repeats a Radio Moscow announcement of a report from a Russian war correspondent at the front which declares that in the early hours of Tuesday morning enemy troops under cover of fog, crossed a wide river (location not stated) in ten barges. They failed in their attempt to surprise the Russian defenders, who waited until the Germans were close and then poured a withering fire into the attackers. Most of the Germans were killed and those who remained were taken prisoner, including two officers.

From Stockholm, "Reuter" reports that the Russians are withdrawing to their old defence works on the other side of the River Dneister, but that the advancing Germans are hampering them in taking up their positions.

NAZI AIR FORCE VERSUS TANKS

LONDON, June 25 (Reuter).—The predominance of aerial warfare at this stage of the German campaign against Russia emerges from to-day's semi-official German reports of fighting which mention air attacks on Russian communications and air support for ground forces.

FALANGE OUTBURST EXPLAINED

No Love For Britain

MADRID, June 25 (Reuter).—Commenting on the German-organised riot outside the British Embassy in Madrid on Tuesday, the Falange organ "Arriba," after stressing that yesterday's manifestations were directed "exclusively" against Russia, "admits that some of its remnants not subject to discipline, branched from this intention and went to extremes "which only means that feeling against our oldest enemy is fresh and aroused."

The "Arriba" says that an explanation for the feeling against the old enemy Great Britain, "would be found in simple meditation on the progress of our empire, strangled to the point of slavery."

The article ends with a severe order to Falange comrades that nothing must be left to spontaneous joy and that Falangists must follow commands with strict discipline.

Moscow Munitions Plants

Thoroughly Modern

LONDON, June 25 (Reuter).—Moscow Radio to-day stresses the importance of the part played in the present struggle by Soviet scientists who under the direction of M. Stalin, have made vast strides in technical and industrial development and, during the present year, achieved surprising results which would have a decisive effect on the outcome of the war.

The same report speaks of reconstruction by aircraft which also dealt TURN to Back Page, Column 3

The Berlin correspondent of the Swedish newspaper "Tidningen" states that military quarters say that the operations so far have been merely preliminaries to the great clash which is expected when the main Russian army is met, though tactical surprise methods have enabled the Germans to gain considerable ground in some regions.

Main Battle Soon

It is anticipated that the encounter with the main Russian armies will not be long delayed.

The correspondent adds that it is declared that the German forces are faster than anything yet seen in this war or history.

Swedish correspondents in Berlin announce that concrete news of the fighting will probably be available immediately.

Vilna Falls, Report

Another "Reuter" report from Vichy declares that according to the Hungarian official newspaper "Pest," the ancient Lithuanian capital of Vilna, which became incorporated in Russian-occupied Poland, has been entered by German troops.

"Reuter" also reports that gunfire has been heard from various places in the outer Stockholm archipelago. Firing, was also heard yesterday off the west coast.

Nazis Repulsed

MOSCOW, June 25 (Reuter).—How Soviet cavalry drove back the German and Rumanian troops who had crossed the river Pruth into TURN to Back Page, Column 3

U. S. Loan To Britain

WASHINGTON, June 25 (Reuter).—The Federal Loan Administrator, Mr. Jesse Jones, announced that he is considering a loan to the British Government.

Mr. Jones said that the Reconstruction Finance Corporation was studying the loan under a new law authorising such a loan and added: "The purpose of the loan would be to provide the British with dollar exchange to pay for war supplies in this country without having to sell their American securities and investments at a forced sale."

Mr. Jones did not name any amount, but in some quarters it is reported that the loan would be for "several hundred million dollars."

R.A.F. Bomb French And German Cities

Special to the "Telegraph"

DOVER, June 25 (UP).—The R.A.F. in force swept Northern France a second time to-day after an early afternoon raid which was the biggest of the war.

In the second afternoon raid the R.A.F. reached the French coast from a different route, thereby taking the defenders by surprise.

The "United Press" correspondent at Dover was able to see bombs crash at Boulogne, Calais and other places along the coast, while he also heard bomb explosions well inland.

The Air Ministry also reports that Cologne, Dusseldorf and Kiel were heavily attacked on Tuesday night. Four German bombers were shot down and two British planes are missing.

Hazebrouch Attacked

LONDON, June 25 (Reuter).—Soon after mid-day to-day, Blenheim aircraft of the Bomber Command, with a strong escort of fighters, attacked railway goodsyards at Hazebrouch, states the British Air Ministry.

Bombs were seen to burst in the yards which were crowded with traffic.

Direct hits were also scored on two railway bridges, one of which collapsed.

An ammunition train blew up. Reports so far received show that British fighters destroyed seven enemy planes.

British losses in this operation were two fighters missing.

Airfield Raided

LONDON, June 25 (Reuter).—The German airfield at Longueuesse, near St Omer, was bombed and the hangars and buildings were hit by the second of the R.A.F.'s double sweep over Northern France to-day.

SHIPMENTS FROM U.S. TO BRITAIN

WASHINGTON, June 25 (Reuter).—Shipments from the United States to Britain in April totalled \$128 millions. This represents the largest amount of goods sent to Britain in the past 20 years, and is nearly 2 1/2 times greater than in April last year.

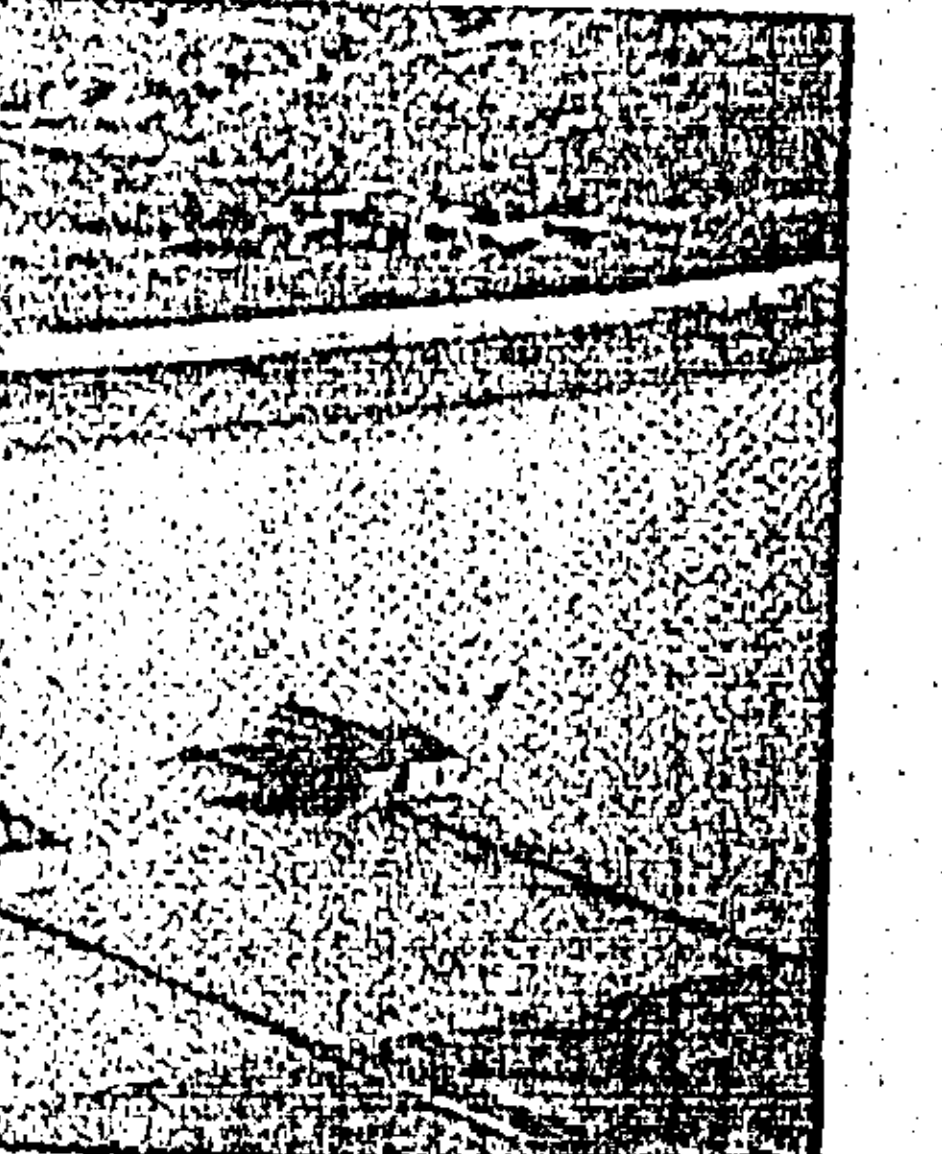
The British Empire in April received \$246 millions worth of American goods—about 61 per cent of the United States total exports.

Fleet Air Arm Find Nazi Liner

NEW YORK, June 25 (Reuter).—American maritime sources report that a British Fleet plane attacked and probably sank the German liner Elbe, of 8,000 tons, in the Atlantic.

Where Russians Are Withdrawing

The Russian forces are reported to be withdrawing across the River Dneister to their main defence lines. Here is a view of the Dneister in the Soviet Ukraine where the Soviets have huge fortifications.



Allied Forces Carrying All Before Them In Syria

CAIRO, June 25 (Reuter).—It is officially announced that British and Australian troops have occupied Merj Ayoum and Inbales Saki in their advance northwards. In the right sector in Syria, all is quiet in Damascus. In the coastal sector, by bombarding Vichy positions in the Damaur area, the Royal Navy is actively supporting the advance of Australian troops.

At Close Grips

NEW YORK, June 25 (Reuter).—The Australians were engaged in hand-to-hand fighting, but when they finally occupied Merj Ayoum at dawn, they found the stronghold deserted and that only a few snipers were left.

Vichy forces are reported to have fled northward during the night.

Support From Air

CAIRO, June 25 (Reuter).—The Fleet Air Arm bombed enemy destroyers in the harbour of Beirut yesterday and also started fires in an attack on Tripoli.

Benghazi was heavily raided by the R.A.F.

In Syria, aircraft of the R.A.F. and the Royal Australian Air Force carried out a number of offensive operations.

Damascus Bombed

JERUSALEM, June 25 (Reuter).—Over 30 were killed and many were injured when German planes bombed Damascus this morning.

Exodus From Syria

LONDON, June 25 (Reuter).—Four Vichy generals in Syria have been superseded by orders of the Vichy Government, states the Istanbul cor-

BOMBS ON ACRE

HAIFA, June 25 (Reuter).—The Crusader fortress town of Acre where Sir Sydney Smith successfully withstood Napoleon's siege—experienced the first air raid of its history when hostile aircraft on Wednesday morning dropped bombs causing some damage to property, and slightly injuring one civilian.

It is authoritatively stated that hostile planes also approached Haifa where the ground defences went into action, and some bombs were dropped that did little damage and caused no casualties.

Reported Nazi Peace Offer To Britain

Special to the "Telegraph"

ANKARA, June 25 (UP).—Neutral diplomatic sources declared, without confirmation, that the Nazi Ambassador, von Papen, using the Turkish Government as an intermediary, approached the British Government with an alleged offer of peace if the British would join a coalition against the Bolsheviks.

The British Ambassador, Sir Hughes Knatchbull-Hugessen, is alleged to have replied by referring the Germans to Mr. Churchill's recent speech.

Concurrently, and again without confirmation, it is rumoured that German peace moves have also been made in other capitals of Europe.

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- The right to publish any or all of the entries is reserved to the Hongkong Telegraph.
- All photographs entered must have been taken in the Colony of Hongkong. Photographs which have been already entered in other Competitions are ineligible.
- No responsibility is accepted for non-delivery of, loss of, or damage to entries.
- All entries to be either black and white, or tinted pictures, and must be mounted. Coloured photographs are ineligible.
- Pictures submitted in sepia tones should be accompanied by a smaller print in black and white.
- No picture to be entered in more than one Section.
- Mounts to be only white or cream, must be of one of the following sizes—10x12, 11x14, 11x16.
- No correspondence will be entered into in connection with the Competition.
- Members of the Staff of the Hongkong Telegraph and the South China Morning Post are not permitted to compete.
- The decision of the Judges shall be final.
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1 Local Time Signal and Programme Announcement.
1.02 Welsh Songs.

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1.15 The Viennese Waltz Orchestra.

Immortal Strauss (A Medley of Strauss Waltzes); Charles Ansellie Waltz Medley.
1.30 Rugby and Rugby Press and Announcements.
1.45 Harry Roy and His Orchestra.
2.15 Close down.

6 Indian Programme.
6.45 Closing Local Stock Quotations.

6.47 Dance Music.
7.30 Variety.
8 London Relay—The News.
8.15 London Relay—Questions of the Hour.

8.30 Programme Summary.
8.30 Excerpts from Gilbert and Sullivan's Operas.

"Ruddigore"; Sir Rupert Murgatroyd, Dorothy Gill and Chorus of Girls; "If Somebody There Chanced to Be..."; Muriel Dickson (Sop.); "The Mikado"; Our Great Mikado; George Baker and Chorus of Men; George Oldham and George Baker; Derek Oldham and George Baker; "Have I Journey'd..."; Derek Oldham and Leo Sheffield; "Patience"; Love is a Placid Song...; The Yeofred Lawson (Soprano); "The Yeofred of the Guard"; Comes the Pretty Young Bride...; Full Company; Leo Lawson, Derek Oldham, George Baker and Chorus.
9 Local Time Signal and Announcements.

9.02 Renata at the Piano.
Rhythm of The Rain, Intro: "Valentine"; I Was Lucky (both from "The Man from Folies Bergere"); "Miracles Sometimes Happen" (Ray Noble); Variations on "Tipperary" (Williams and Judge).

9.15 Studio—Local Newsletter.
9.30 The Drury Lane Theatre Orchestra.

Bail At The Savoy—Selection (Abram); Three Ballet Tunes; The Leap Year Waltz (both from "The Dancing Years").
9.45-10 News in French (on Short Wave only).

9.45 Songs by Evelyn Laye (Soprano) and Richard Crooks (Tenor).
Gipsy Moon (Borogoff); Just To Linger In Your Arms (Arnold).
Richard Crooks (Tenor) with Orchestra; When I Grown Too Old To Dream; The Night Is Young (both from film "The Night Is Young"); Evelyn Laye (Soprano) with Orchestra.

10 London Relay—The News and News Commentary.
10.15 A Rachmaninoff Programme.
Polichinelle; Prelude in B Flat; "The Mikado" (Piano); Symphony No. 3 in A Minor, Op. 44; 1st Mov. Allegro moderato; 2nd Mov. Adagio non troppo; 3rd Mov. Allegro.

Sergei Rachmaninoff conducting the Philadelphia Orchestra.
11 London Relay—To Talk of Many Things.
11.15 Close down.

Red Army Staff Officer Explodes Nazi Myth

MOSCOW, June 25 (Reuter).—"The invincibility of the German army is a myth," declares Lieut-General Michael Khozin, head of the Frunze Academy, the "Aldershot" of the Soviet Union, in the Communist Party organ "Pravda."

General Khozin says that Nazi troops bluster about this myth but their victories of 1939 and 1940 were mainly won by treachery in the rear of their smaller enemies who were always numerically inferior. The writer cites the German foreknowledge of the Polish mobilisation plans, that Norwegian troops were on manoeuvres with blank ammunition some distance from the German landings, and the signals given from the ground aiding German parachutists who had such effect in the Dutch campaign.

Yugo-Slavia
General Khozin mentions that the Yugo-Slav Prime Minister, General Simovitch, had to remove many high officers in the few days at his disposal prior to the German assault on his country.

He also refers to contacts between leading Frenchmen and the Germans and declares that the Maginot Line fell chiefly because its flank was turned.

In Balkans
Finally he points out that the Poles managed to wipe out whole Nazi tank divisions and 489 that if the Greeks from the Metaxas Line had been able to launch a counter-attack at one moment, the result in the Balkans war would possibly be different. He adds that whenever the Germans met with serious oppositions, they won by weight of material but they have now a large force armed with massive materials who will defeat "the Fascist bird of prey."

H.K. Stock Market

The following quotations were issued on the Hongkong Stock Market this morning.

BANKS
H.K. Banks \$.....1,315 b.
H.K. Banks (H.K.) \$.....70 n.
Chartered Bank \$.....83 n.
Mercantile & B. \$.....23 1/2 n.
Mercantile C. \$.....11 1/2 n.
East Asia \$.....72 1/2 b.

INSURANCES
Canton \$.....215 b.
Union \$.....400 n.
China Underwriters \$.....1 n.
H.K. Fire \$.....180 b.

SHIPPING
Douglas \$.....128 n.
Seaboard \$.....8 n.
Indo-China P. \$.....80 b.
Indo-China D. \$.....60 n.
Shell (Bearers) \$.....43 1/2 n.
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DOCKS ETC.
Wharves \$.....88 b.
Docks \$.....15 3/4 b. & s.
Providents \$.....5 1/2 b. & s.
Shai Dockyards \$.....29 n.

MINING
Kailan s/-.....11/- n.
Ruhs \$.....8 n.
H.K. Mines \$.....14 cts. n.

LANDS
Hotels \$.....32 1/2 b.
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Macao Electric \$.....12 n.
Sarakkan Lights \$.....22 1/2 b.
Telephones (old) \$.....22 1/2 b.
Telephones (new) \$.....0 b.

INDUSTRIALS
Cald: Macg. (Ord.), Sh. \$.....30 n.
Cald: Macg. (Pref.), Sh. \$.....25 n.
Canton Ice \$.....14 1/2 n.
Cements \$.....8 b. & s.
H.K. ROPE \$.....8 b. & s.

STONES, &c.
Dairy Farms \$.....17.4 b.
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Wing On (H.K.) \$.....39 n.
Wm. Powell, Ltd. x.d. \$.....1.20 n.

COTTON MILLS
Ewo Sh. \$.....38 1/2 n.
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H.K. Govt. 3 1/2% (1934).....04 1/2 n.
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Entertainments \$.....1.00 n.
Constructions (new) \$.....1 n.
Vibro Piling \$.....7.20 n.
Marmans Inv. (Lon.) s/-.....07 1/2 n.
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Overseas Chinese Reception

The Overseas Chinese Productive Reconstruction Associations, organised by a group of prominent Chinese in Hongkong for the encouragement and promotion of overseas Chinese investments in industrial enterprises in China, will give a reception to the local Press at the Gloucester Hotel at 4 p.m.

STOCK EXCHANGE All Round Advance

LONDON, June 25 (Reuter).—The Stock Exchange to-day was generally firm, but business was all round advanced and industrialists also tended to be higher with further investment on heavy stocks. Among foreign bonds, Japanese were strong generally, being £2 higher, while Chinese and Brazilian also improved. Kaimers were irregularly higher. Wall Street was slow.

Exchange At A Glance

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T.T. Singapore	1/2 1/2
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T.T. India	1/2 1/2
T.T. U.S.A.	48 1/2
T.T. Manila	43 1/2
T.T. Batavia	43 1/2
T.T. Bangkok	140 1/2
T.T. Saigon	104 1/2
T.T. France	102 1/2
T.T. Switzerland	102 1/2
T.T. Australia	102 1/2
BUYING	
4 m/s L/C London	1/3 1/4
4 m/s D/P London	1/3 1/4
4 m/s L/C U.S.A.	25
4 m/s France	104 1/2
30 d/s India	104 1/2
U.S. Cross rate in London	4.02 1/2
U.S. Cross rate in N.Y.	25

LABOUR IN U.S.

FEWER STRIKES

WASHINGTON, June 25 (Reuter).—The labour position is generally "very encouraging," according to Mr. Sidney Hillman, head of the Labour Division of Office Production Management.

Testifying to the House of Representatives Appropriations Committee, Hillman said, "We can look forward to fewer interruptions in work." He said he was convinced "we are getting more support all the way through."

Nearly 3,000,000 more persons, he added, had resumed work during the past year and there were fewer shortages of men in key positions in defence work than a year ago.

Subversive Elements

Mr. Hillman said that his office was trying hard to reduce defence strikes by weeding out subversive elements in the Labour Unions. Mr. Donald Nelson, Purchasing Manager of the O.P.M., stated that "communities" noted for strikes and other disturbances might find themselves unable to get new defence orders and "plant locations." The O.P.M. he added, very definitely took into consideration labour difficulties and interferences, and it was placing orders and establishing new manufacturing facilities.

American Red Cross Record

Huge Relief Sums

WASHINGTON, June 25 (Reuter).—The American Red Cross has spent over \$18,000,000 and the United States Government over \$16,000,000 on war relief for Britain, Belgium, Canada, China, Finland, France, Greece, the Netherlands, Norway, Poland, Spain, Switzerland and Yugo-Slavia.

Almost half of this has been for the British, declared Mr. Laurence Mitchell, of the American Red Cross, in his testimony to the House Appropriations Sub-Committee.

Mr. Mitchell said that no instance had been reported of any diversion or concealment of supplies. Eleven of 369 ships carrying supplies to Britain had been lost at sea. One shipload for Greece had also been lost.

Red Black Sea Defence Area

More Important Than Baltic

LONDON, June 25 (Reuter).—The Russian submarine fleet in the Black Sea has recently been reinforced by Admiral Kuznetsov, Commander-in-Chief of the Russian Navy, according to news reaching Ankara, says the Independent French news agency.

This followed discussions regarding the defence of the Caucasus and the Black Sea. The Russians finally decided that the defence of the Caucasus was more important as a supply centre of the Red Army.

The Russians are said to be constructing underground factories in the Ukraine, with a view to avoiding the destruction of planes on the ground.

A Toast To Russia

LONDON, June 25 (Reuter).—"To the success of Russia" was the toast proposed to-day amid prolonged applause by Lord Nathan at luncheon at which Mr. Evelyn May, the Soviet Ambassador, was present. The Soviet Ambassador replied: "I have no intention of speaking on this occasion, but I would like, on behalf of my Government and country to express my sincere gratitude to Lord Nathan for his toast."



HISTORIC ADIEU—The Russo-Japanese pact is recalled by this picture of Stalin, the Soviet chief of state, seeing off Mr. Matsuo, the Japanese Foreign Minister, at the Moscow railway station on the latter's return to Japan.

New ARP Wardens Must Have Two Photographs

ARP Orders by Wing Commander A. H. S. Steele-Kirk, O.B.E., Director of Air Raid Precautions, Special Order.

ARP Orders issued on 1st June 1941, called for new photographs of all wardens. It has now been decided that all wardens must have two photographs with their names in block letters at the back, to the instructions of the first or second wardens. Photographs are to be submitted to wardens for inspection on application.

Regulations of Districts
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DEATH

GUTIERREZ, Joao Baptista, aged 61
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11.30 p.m. Funeral will pass
Monument at 5.30 p.m. to-day.

**The
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ON THE WRONG SIDE

A LITTLE more than a year ago, France stood shoulder to shoulder with Britain in the war for democracy against totalitarianism. Then came the catastrophe, the evacuation of Dunkirk, the occupation of Paris, and France passed under a blackout for twelve months. While Petain was master, though he had no means of aiding the Allied cause, still he was careful not to injure it.

Now, France is emerging from the darkness, but, unfortunately, is emerging on the wrong side. For months the Germans tried to put Laval in the saddle and so bring about the collaboration they sought. Their attempt was a failure. But in Admiral Darlan they appear to have found an instrument quite as subservient as Laval and much more effective. As the London "Times" puts it: "There does not appear any German demand, however humiliating, which the Vichy government in its present mood can or will refuse. In everything but name, Vichy is joined to the Axis."

Horrible as it is to think of an old friend turned traitor, there is no blinking the fact any longer. France, not because she wishes, but under the force of circumstances and under perverted leadership, is against us. If Marshal Petain is still protesting, his protests are no longer audible. It is Darlan who is in the saddle, now, and Darlan and his satellites are showing more enthusiasm and more enterprise in collaborating with Germany for the extinction of France than they ever showed in collaborating with Britain for the defence of French liberties.

Admiral Darlan has two subordinates in Syria, General Jean-Marie Berget, Vichy's air minister, and General Dentz, commander of the French forces. Both are working in the German interest. It is Dentz who is still needlessly sacrificing life and property in Syria by trying to defy a victorious Anglo-de Gaulle

BRITISH ISLES STILL MAIN THEATRE OF WAR

— By —
MAJOR FIELDING ELIOT
noted American military expert

IT becomes a little difficult (which is not to say that they to see how any theatre may not also make efforts in of this war could be of other theatres of operations).

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American naval and air forces are available in sufficient strength to go a long way to added to and nursed by the common enemy and by our own defeatists and isolationists.

Full, clear, simply stated facts from London would be like a bracing dash of fresh cold water to a weary man.

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Let the workman in Cleveland be told of the sinking of the aeroplane parts he has laboured for three months to make. He will not despair nor go on strike. He will be exceedingly angry and will make his anger felt in the best way he can find—by making more and better aeroplane parts, and by insisting that his Government see that the second consignment is delivered.

For the moment the issue in this main theatre of the war hangs very largely on the time-liness and effect with which American naval and air aid can be brought to bear on it.

The Iraq revolt appears, as I suggested, to have received little real support among the Iraqi population or from other Moslem countries. The likelihood of a widespread Arab movement in favour of the Axis now seems remote.

Reinforcements, including convoy through the Mediterranean, continue to reach Egypt, the Axis position in Libya becomes more questionable almost hourly. Spain is still to be kept in mind as possibly "Hitler's next move," but from these distant scenes the eyes of the observer must turn back to the battle of the Atlantic—the battle of transportation which must be won in order that the fruits of certain victory in the battle of production may be reaped.—(M.I.)

These, however, are military considerations. In this, country, as in Britain, military affairs must be subordinate to the civil authority, which in the last analysis rests with the people. For an uncertain and divided people to make war is to court disaster—a fact of which the fate of France is the most recent example. Unity may come, and with it united and effective action; but one thinks that this unity will come only when much of the present confusion, uncertainty and doubt has been cleared away; when clear, authoritative answers have been given to the questions, How great is the danger to Britain? How imminent? Can America avert that danger by fighting? and, above all, if we fight, what sort of world shall we be fighting for? What sort of victory shall be our goal?

Germany has no secure arsenal which cannot be reached by bombs. This grievous disadvantage to Germany is increased by the fact that American productive capacity, once it is geared to war requirements, is far greater than that of the Continent of Europe. Add to it Britain's production, diminished though this may be, and Germany seems certain to be outmatched in a war of machines — provided, she does not, before that time, overwhelm the advanced fighting base, the island of Britain, on which our ability to injure her depends.

It is as simple as that.

But the fact which leaps instantly to the eye is the imperative need for maintaining communications between the arsenal and the fighting base. If these can be severed, the base must eventually find itself in serious straits, just as any outpost must do when its supply line is cut.

Upon the severance of the supply lines the Germans are directing their best efforts army. He is not only a tool of the Nazis, but a vain and stupid one.

Vichy has in fact become very nearly an all-out enemy.

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GRIN AND BEAR IT By Lichty



"Let's go in!—I don't think you visualize me in it!"

"Parties Like Cocktails" BLEND YOUR GUESTS

— says Elsa

Running a party is like mixing a cocktail, says Elsa Maxwell, the jolly hostess whose parties are famous in Europe as well as America.

"There is something unusual, something charming in every human being," she says. "You have to find that something in every guest and then blend what you have. Only you must blend judiciously."

"You should make your parties personal. Get people to talk about themselves. Everyone loves doing that whether they admit it or not."

"If they don't talk about themselves it means they are not sufficiently at home."

Miss Maxwell has a cure for the guest who does not enter into the spirit of a party. She hands him (or her) a book and says:

"Take this to bed with you. You are not enjoying this party and I'm not enjoying you. Go to night!"

"In most cases they snap out of it and join in with the rest. If they don't, well just let them go."

How did she learn to run parties? Well, you have to go back to the time when Elsa was mixing with a young theatrical set in London—Noel Coward, Beatrice Lillie, Gertrude Lawrence, and others.

They were invited to a reception to meet Queen Mary. There she met Princess Beatrice, who took a great liking to her. Elsa had only 17 shillings and sixpence but she decided to ask Princess Beatrice to her little flat.

"The theatrical folk came with us. I could not afford much—just a few sandwiches, some hard-boiled eggs and beer. But the guests went for it in a big way."

"Princess Beatrice said: 'This is one of the loveliest parties I've ever known. You make things go with a swing!'"

"I began wondering if I make others as happy as I made the Princess. I gave another party and I've been giving them ever since."

THE BIBLE IN BASIC ENGLISH

By Hugh Redwood

"And the light goes on shining in the dark; it is not overcome by the dark."

By Lichty

The work is so far advanced that the Basic New Testament will be available for the public presently. It is being published jointly by the Cambridge University Press and Messrs Evans Bros., Ltd.

"Far more than a publishing event," is the view which the syndics of the Cambridge University Press take of its issue at the present time.

"HOMELY WORDS"

Basic English, produced by Mr C. K. Ogden, of the Orthological Institute, is a simple form of the language, restricted to a vocabulary of 850 words.

For the purpose of the Bible translation, however, 150 words have been added—50 of them special Bible words and the others listed as giving most help in the reading of verse.

Two separate groups of experts have watched over the production of the New Testament, and the result, it is held, is "a gospel simple, clear and in homely words such as are used and understood by common men."

TURKS FRIENDS OF BOTH SIDES

LONDON, June 25 (Reuter).—The Turco-German Pact was unanimously approved by the Turkish Grand National Assembly to-day, states the Ankara radio. The German Ambassador, von Papen, was present at the Session.

M. Sarajoglu, the Turkish Foreign Minister, in a statement on the Pact said, "This treaty which regulates the relations of the two countries concerned and which shows that these relations will develop in a friendly manner in the future, is characterised by a definite stipulation that so far as we are concerned it means that Turkey's existing pledges under the Turco-British alliance are foremost and remain intact."

"In this light I consider it my duty to thank the German statesman who have afforded us the means of working fervently for the establishment of Turco-German friendship by accepting the reservation that we keep our word already pledged to our friends."

"This constituted the main condition in the conduct of the negotiations."

Open Negotiations

M. Sarajoglu then proceeded to give details of how the pact had been brought about emphasising that during negotiations both parties had acted correctly and openly.

M. Sarajoglu added "Moreover, we on our part, kept our British friends informed of important negotiations in the development of our relations with the Germans, and in most instances carried on consultations with our British friends."

Fair Play

After stating that Turkey had followed fair play, M. Sarajoglu concluded, "It can again be stated on that side that the Turkish army—heroic guardian of our peace—and along the same front, belligerent nations as well as neutrals, and finally world public opinions have taken their stand to safeguard Turkish peace. We will not fail in our effort to prove to the world by future development of our activities that Turkey deserves to remain in this honourable position."

Description Of New Nazi Fighter

LONDON, June 25 (British Wireless).—Since Spitfires and Hurricanes of the R.A.F. have been shooting down specimens of the new Messerschmitt single-seater fighter, ME-109-F, there has been a good deal of speculation about the purpose for which it is designed and its real capabilities.

Four obvious differences between the new ME and its predecessor are that it has a more powerful engine, changed armament, re-designed wings with rounded wing tips and the new tail plane is now devoid of bracing struts.

Streamlining
There are other changes, too, such as making the tail wheel retractable and giving a general cleaning up of the silhouette which clearly aim at greater speed.

It is obvious that these various improvements will result in a higher ceiling and better performance at height.

Britain's own single-seater fighters, the Hawker Hurricane and Vickers Spitfire, have undergone several modifications since the war began. The results have been a great improvement to their performance in speed, height and other ways.

Armament
Re-engineering ME109 and giving it new wings and better streamlining may be regarded as the Germans' contribution to the contest of improving the existing types. An interesting feature of the new ME is the way the armament is distributed. Wing guns have been dropped and all it has is one cannon of 15 m.m., firing through the airscrew hub, and two small bore machine-guns mounted on the fuselage.

This central grouping of armament weight may result in better power of manoeuvre, never a strong point in the ME-109.

So far the ME-109F has not been encountered in force.

Subscriptions To Wartime Bonds

The campaign soliciting subscriptions to the Chinese Military Supply Bonds is proceeding apace and more than NC\$15,000,000 worth of the bonds is expected to be subscribed by the end of July, according to a responsible official of the Hong Kong Chinese War Bonds Committee, says "Central News."

More than 500 units of local Chinese public organisations have been mobilised for promoting the campaign.

The Committee yesterday received a letter from the China Benevolent Association in Leithbridge, Canada, enclosing a remittance order for \$110,000, Chinese Currency for the purchase of Bonds.

The Chinese Manufacturers' Union here has solicited subscriptions of \$157,000.

Death Of Mr J. B. Gutierrez

The death occurred suddenly last night of Mr Joao Baptista Gutierrez, aged 61, a member of a well-known Portuguese family.

The late Mr Gutierrez, who was of a quiet disposition, was founder of the now defunct firm of J. B. Gutierrez and Co.

He leaves one son, six sisters, a son-in-law and two grandsons to mourn their bereavement.

Japanese Commander Killed

CHANGTEH, June 25 (Central News).—Among the casualties suffered by the Japanese recently in central Hupeh was General Nagano, Commander of the 37th Detachment who was killed by a Chinese mobile unit on June 17 in the vicinity of Liuchang in Tricentliang.

On June 19, Nagano's body was removed to a point north of Lienhuazue and cremated together with a number of other Japanese war dead.

Major Baseball

Cincinnati Beat Phillies In Double Header

NEW YORK, June 25 (Reuter).—Cincinnati Reds scored a double victory over Philadelphia Phillies in a twin-bill in the National Baseball League to-day. New York Yankees edged out the St. Louis Browns 7-5 in the American circuit.

Scores were:

NATIONAL LEAGUE			
Philadelphia	3	11	1
Batteries: Podgajny, Johnson, Melton, Livingston, Harman.			
Cincinnati	8	13	0
Batteries: E. Riddle, Lombardi, Philadelphia	1	5	3
Batteries: Gibson, Marshall, Warren.			
Cincinnati	5	5	1
Batteries: Pearson, Riddle, Brooklyn	1	5	0
Batteries: Casey, Hilde, Owen, Pittsburgh	1	10	1
Batteries: Heinemann, Lopez, New York	4	6	2
Batteries: Carpenter, Danning, Chicago	1	8	1
Batteries: Lee, Page, McCullough, Scheffing.	2	7	1
Batteries: Hutchings, Johnson, Berres, Masi.	0	10	1
St. Louis	0	10	1
Batteries: White, Padgett, St. Louis	1	11	1
Batteries: Galehouse, Allen, Ferrell, New York	1	1	1
Batteries: Chandler, Murphy, Dickey, Cleveland	2	7	2
Batteries: Bagby, Brown, Desautels, Montreal	7	9	2
Batteries: Grove, Peacock, Detroit	4	9	0
Batteries: Rowe, Giebell, Thomas, New-houser, Schettla.	5	7	0
Batteries: Knott, Ferrell, Hayes, Chicago	2	5	1
Batteries: Hickey, Turner, Washington	0	6	2
Batteries: Hudson, Early.			

JAPAN IS NONPLUSSED Will Play Wait And See Policy

TOKYO, June 25 (Reuter).—Discussing for the first time Japan's plans to deal with the new international situation created by the Soviet entry into the war, "sources close to the Government" to-day stated, according to "Domei," "there will be no change in Japan's fundamental policy of attaching primary importance to the solution of the Sino-Japanese conflict and the establishment of a new order in East Asia."

"Consequently the Japanese Government is at present not placing undue importance on the question of issuing any announcement formally defining its attitude or of clarifying its future policy, but prefers calmly to watch events abroad and to deal with future developments as they arise."

"During this time, the Cabinet will meet in extraordinary session whenever necessary and will also hold consultations from time to time with high officials of the War and Navy Ministries."

Americans Will Fly For Britain

LONDON, June 25 (British Wireless).—Further parties of young American pilots have just arrived in Britain to form sister squadrons of the original Eagle Squadron.

Since the first Eagle fighter squadron of the R.A.F. was formed last autumn, numbers of young Americans have volunteered to fly and fight with the R.A.F.

Among the last batch to arrive were U.S. citizens from Ohio, California, Maryland, Texas, Colorado and one from Canada.

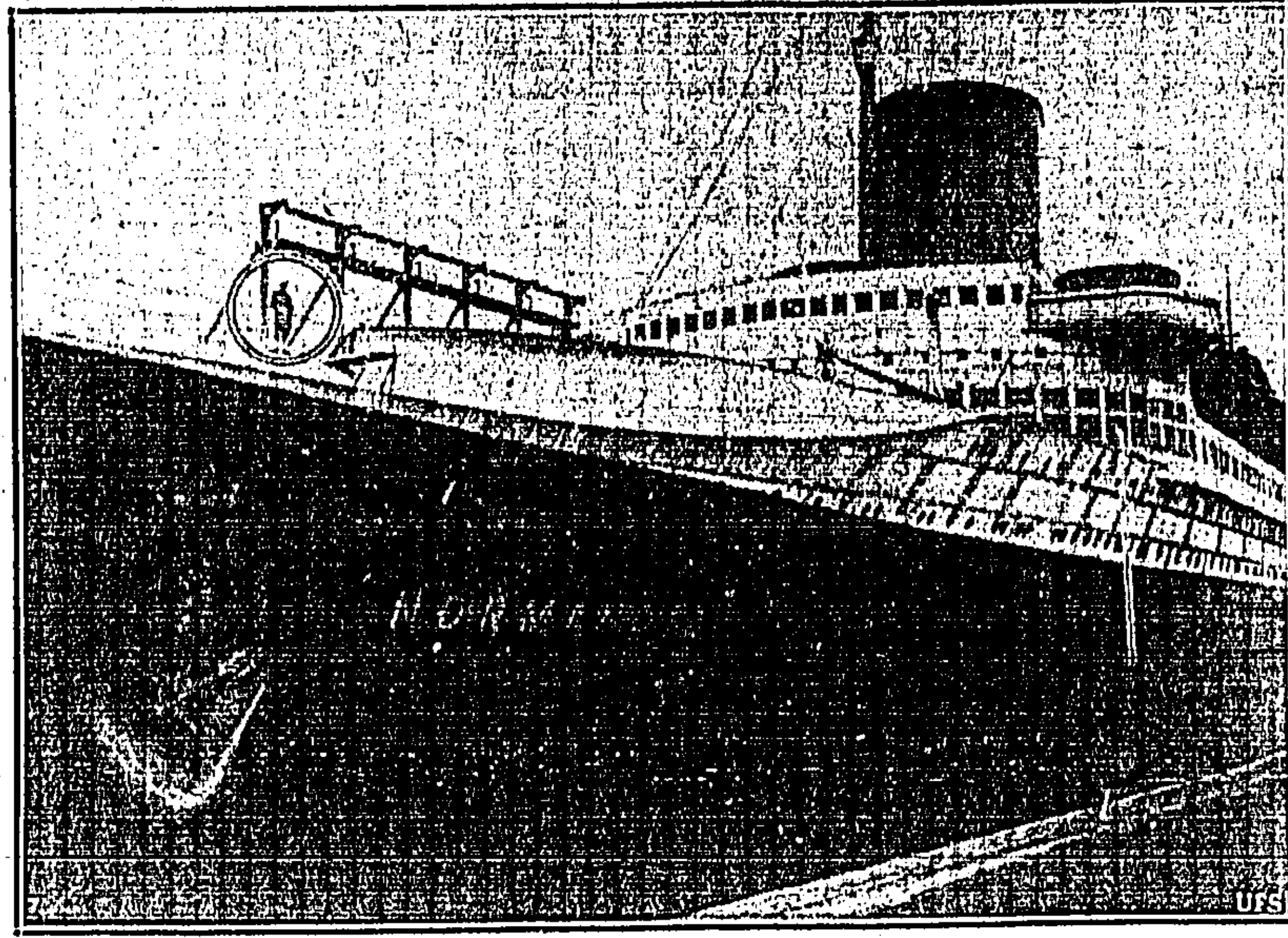
Before crossing the Atlantic, they undergo their initial flying training and pass flying tests as pilots.

Calls On Mr Eden

LONDON, June 25 (Reuter).—The British Foreign Secretary, Mr Anthony Eden, in addition to his interview to-day with the Spanish Ambassador, also saw the Netherlands Foreign Minister, Dr E. N. van Kleffens and the United States Ambassador, Mr John G. Winant.

Dutch Butchers Sent To Concentration Camp

LONDON, June 25 (Reuter).—Five Dutch butchers were sent to a German concentration camp for the illegal slaughter of meat, according to Dutch circles in London. This sentence was described as a warning.



IN CUSTODY—Coast Guardsman, circle, keeps watch above huge French liner Normandie, at New York dock, after famed ship was taken into protective custody by U.S. government. Action follows Vichy link with Nazis.

Sino - British Association Annual Report Now Issued

The annual report has been issued of the Sino-British Cultural Association (Hongkong Branch), which will hold its annual general meeting at 5.30 p.m. to-morrow, in the Fung Ping Shan Library, Hongkong University.

It is stated that the membership of the Branch Association is 135, being 69 British and 66 Chinese. There are altogether 22 lady members. The Association records with sorrow the loss by death of Mr R. E. Lindsell, Puisne Judge of the Supreme Court, Hongkong. In July, Dr Lin Yu-tang accepted the invitation to become an Honorary Member of the Association. The programme for the year 1940 provided for a series of lectures, several art exhibitions, a garden party, an annual dinner and a luncheon meeting.

There was an exhibition in October of oil paintings of Chinese landscape scenery by Prof. R. C. Robertson, of the University of Hongkong.

On November 1, a garden party was given by the Hon. Mr and Mrs M. K. Lo and Mr and Mrs M. H. Lo at their residence, 62 Conduit Road, to the members of the Association.

Annual Dinner

The first annual dinner of the Association was held at the Chinese Merchants' Club on January 3, 1941, when over 100 members and guests were present. It was a distinguished gathering, and the guests included Dr W. W. Yen, ex-Premier of the Chinese Republic and some time Ambassador to Washington and to Moscow.

On February 28, a three-day exhibition of about 112 ancient Chinese paintings from the collection of Mr Hsiao Shiu-min, a Yunnanese banker, was opened by Mr D. J. Sloss, Vice-Chancellor of the University, at the Fung Ping Shan Library. The collection comprised many valuable and remarkable pictures, some of them dating back nearly 1,000 years.

On April 4, the Association held a luncheon meeting in the Roof Garden of the Hongkong Hotel in honour of its Hon. President, His Excellency Sir Geoffrey Northcote, who had returned in March after some ten months of leave. About 150 attended.

Lectures

Lectures were delivered in the course of the year, by Miss Agnes Smedley, authoress of "China Fights Back"; Prof. Tschun Yin-koh of Tsing-hua University; Mr T. K. Chuang, Editor of the "Tien Hsia Monthly"; and Prof. Gordon King.

In addition to the art exhibitions mentioned above, several others were organised as joint efforts with the Association for the Advancement of Chinese Culture.

Scholarship Plan

At the first annual general meeting on June 25, 1940, a scholarship of the annual value of \$400 for a student qualified to enter the School of Chinese Studies in Hongkong University was created, the proposal having been made by Prof. Forster, the Hon. Treasurer. Acting upon this decision, the Standing Committee drew up in September the regulations for the scholarship. So far no student has applied for the scholarship. At present only one scholarship is planned; but the Committee hopes more can be established in course of time.

In the course of the year, complimentary copies of various periodicals have been received by the Association. Owing to the lack of a club-house, the magazines are now temporarily kept in the Fung Ping Shan Library. Thanks are due to all those responsible for making the gifts.

The financial position of the Association is sound, as shown in the Hon. Treasurer's statement of Accounts. The balance in hand on June 17, 1941, amounts to \$655.45.

PANAMA CHINESE

More Immigrants Return To Hongkong

No European passengers were carried by the American President Lines steamer, President Madison, when she arrived in the Colony from San Francisco via Manila yesterday. Instead she had 175 Chinese passengers from Panama City, amongst them being two women and about 10 to 15 children. The children were on their way back to their mother country, but could not speak one word of Chinese, but only Spanish.

The President Madison was formerly on round-the-world trips, but since the requisitioning of a number of the American President liners, had been transferred to the Pacific run.

Recent reports regarding dis-continuation against the Chinese by the Panama Government would appear to be verified, by statements made by these travellers, and by some of the ship's officers.

"Somehow or other, the Panama Government has passed a law limiting these people out of their livelihood," said one of the officers. "One story I heard," he said, "was that every shop or business had to employ a certain amount of Panamanian help."

Another officer said that he had heard that all Chinese had to leave Panama, and that one of them had to leave his business within 24 hours' notice. In fact, they were just forced to leave.

Another of the ship's officers said that he met the Chinese Minister to Panama during the ship's stay there, and he had been told that the Government had passed a law requiring every establishment to have two Panamanians for every Chinese worker.

One of the passengers said that Chinese were not allowed by law to carry on with their businesses after September 24, and many were now selling out and returning to China.

This is the third large batch of Chinese to return from Panama, and another full ship is expected from Panama within the next six weeks.

THAILAND CELEBRATES ANNIVERSARY OF DEMOCRATIC COUP

BANGKOK, June 25 (Reuter).—While democracy is horn-locked mortal combat in Europe, Thailand has reaffirmed her faith in democratic ideals by a three-day nation-wide celebration of the ninth birthday of the Democratic Constitution which she won with a bloodless coup d'etat on June 24, 1932.

One of the coup d'etat leaders is the present head of the Thai Government, Major General Luang Pibul Songgram.

Public Services

Besides illuminations, fairs, processions, fireworks displays, tournaments and torchlight parades, the National Day celebrations were marked by the opening of new avenues, trunk roads, railways, a landing station for international flying boats, an internal commercial air line, University buildings, schools, hospitals and a Buddhist monastery where Buddha's relics brought from India have been deposited.

A foundation stone was also laid for a memorial for those who fell in the Indo-China border conflict.

Co-Operation With Tokyo

BANGKOK, June 25 (Reuter).—"I wish very much for Mr Matsuo to pay a visit to Thailand," said the Thai Premier to Japanese pressmen, when the latter presented him with an ancient Japanese sword. The Premier said that he wanted to visit Japan but could not find the time at present, but he would go when the opportunity was found. He desired to promote co-operation between Thailand and Japan to the highest pitch.

Shanghai Rumour Refuted

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH" CHUNGKING, June 25 (UP).—It is authoritatively stated that the Shanghai rumour that Dr Quo Tschai's plane has been either shot down by Japanese planes or was wrecked while making a forced landing is entirely groundless.

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Japanese Architect Indignant

Jun Yamada, one of the best dwelling house architects in Japan, has closed down his office because he found continuance of his business impossible because of the building materials shortage and because of his repugnance of its accompanying illegal deals.

He has already discharged more than 50 carpenters and workmen and more than 10 office workers in his employment. Interviewed recently he spoke at his home at Shibuya, Shitaya-ku, Tokyo, as follows: "I have been in dwelling house architecture business since 1917 and was responsible for the plans of more than 1,000 houses. Although I consider the shortage building materials inevitable because Japan is engaged in a large-scale war, I cannot but be indignant at the rampant illegal transactions. When every hastily built house of bad materials requires between ¥150 and ¥200 per tatami (4 square meters) as at present, I cannot continue to make good house honestly. In my opinion, it is up to the Government to distribute materials on a fair basis for solving the problem fundamentally."

Mongolian Rice Land Expanded

PEIPING.—Vast reclamation projects to expand rice cultivation and making progress in Honan Province and in Inner Mongolia.

Honan, which is also an important cotton producer, is working on the reclamation of 60,000 acres as part of the construction of a network of waterways, and flood prevention works. In Inner Mongolia, large tracts are to be reclaimed in the vicinity of Paotow, likewise for rice land. Water will be diverted from the Yellow River for irrigation.

Sale of Chinese Works of Art

Sotheby's concluded recently a three-day sale of the late Mr. H. K. Burns's collection of Chinese works of art for a total of £2,013. The highest price, £370, was given for a Shang-Yin Dynasty bronze Ting of circular shape, with two loop handles, supported on three cylindrical legs, boldly decorated in high relief with 'ao' (fish) masks on a ground of thunder. The feet with black inlay, the legs with engraved dentate ornament, and an archaic character in the interior. A Chou Dynasty finely patinated bronze wine vessel of beaker shape made £230.



Mr. George C. Lau, who will take a leading part in the Chinese opera, "Si Han," to be presented at the Tai Ping Theatre to-night under the auspices of the Hong-kong Chinese Women's Soldiers' Relief Association. He will also appear in "The Three Kingdoms," to be given to-morrow evening.

R. A. Pictures Down By Half

Only half the number of oil paintings submitted last year was handed in at the Royal Academy for the Summer Exhibition.

One of them, "Hitler in Hell," by 21-year-old Kenneth Snowman, of Hampstead, has been submitted twice before, and accepted, but the Hanging Committee was unable to find space for it.

It shows Hitler lying naked on a stone swastika, his head resting unceasingly on a book exuding blood, with a demon about to push him into a fiery pit. Some of Hitler's satellites are being pushed into the pit surrounded by snakes.

No Censorship

Most of the pictures sent in are peaceful landscapes, still life and flower subjects, and portraits.

The exhibition will not be subject to censorship, an official stated, but artists who have painted war scenes have had to obtain permits and to submit their work to the Censor individually.

Black Bourse For Timber: \$500 Fine

Described by prosecuting counsel as "ringleader of a sort of Black Bourse for timber in London," Moses D. Goldman, of Brick Lane, Bethnal Green, was fined a total of \$500 at Old Street recently and ordered to pay £105 costs.

He had been summoned as a director of Baltimore Lumber Company, Ltd., which was stated to have disposed of timber to purchasers not licensed by the Minister of Supply. Twenty summonses against the company were withdrawn.

Defending counsel said Goldman wanted to put his creditors right, and lost his head to save the business.

"Whippet" Escapes From Nazis

London, May 9.—A pint-sized former London mail-carrier, Evelyn Sidney White, 31, was identified today as one of the two sappers of the Royal Engineers who broke out of a German prison camp to make a 1200-mile escape across Nazi Europe to Greece and freedom.

Their odyssey was first described May 6 in the House of Commons by Foreign Secretary Anthony Eden.

"To-day White's wife received a delayed telegram from Greece: "Old nasty hadn't enough wire to keep us in. Had a tough time, but we got through all right."

White is so small he was known in his London suburb as "Whippet."

His companion in the escape was not identified. The two, speaking only English, tramped across Poland, Hungary, Yugoslavia and Greece, apparently helped along an "underground railway" by Allied sympathizers.

Both men have rejoined their units in Egypt.

J. P.'s Retire At 75

Justices of the Peace who are too old or infirm to discharge their duties efficiently will be compulsorily retired under the Justices (Supplemental List) Bill, which has just been introduced. Viscount Simon, the Lord Chancellor, moved the second reading in the House of Lords recently.

Seventy-five will be the normal age of retirement for J.P.s.

In recent years there has been a voluntary system under which they can be transferred to a supplemental list, losing their right to sit on the Bench but retaining their positions for administrative purposes.

Besides giving legal recognition to the supplemental list, the new bill empowers the Lord Chancellor to enter on it the name of any J.P. who, "by reason of his age or infirmity or other like cause," ceases to exercise judicial functions.

Grievance Over Lost Sea Kit

An effort is being made by the Mercantile Marine Service Association to secure for merchant ships' officers and men better scales of compensation and allowances for kit lost through war hazards.

The loss of kit, particularly of instruments, cannot be replaced at a cost less than about double the compensation received, it is stated. Many men have to spend pounds they can ill afford to re-equip themselves for another voyage.

The Government is giving the matter consideration.

What Children Dream About in War-Time

Children's war-time dreams are being collected as evidence of the effects of air-raids.

In a Paddington school, 250 boys and girls between 8 and 14 years have been describing their dreams of the night before as part of their daily class-work in English.

Results were so significant that the headmaster, Mr. J. W. Ruddock, decided to record and study them.

"The dreams show that life in war-time London has had only a transitory effect on the children," he said.

"They treat the worst dangers objectively and even defiantly, and such incidents as leaving home because of time-bombs they take in their stride like a visit to an aunt."

Thrilling Deeds

Only nine boys and 20 girls had dreams involving fear. The boys' bogey was a lion, burglar or ghost. The girls' bogey was a German parachutist.

Only 10 per cent. dreamed about air-raids. Actually, this proportion was smaller because the dreams were mostly about fire-bombs, and fire is a normal subject of dreams.

Most of the boys dreamed of thrilling war deeds. The great majority dreamed of being in the R.A.F., piloting bombers over Germany. Not a boy dreamed of being in the Army.

—And Then The V.C.

Here is a typical boys' dream: "I got on the tail of four Germans, destroyed two, sending the third down out of control. The other got away. All the crews baled out safe. My engine went off. I got on the wing and jumped. I counted three, pulled the rip-cord and got back to the base safely. And I was awarded the V.C."

Girls sought escape in fairyland or far-distant countries. Older girls had dreams of evacuation to romantic homes.

There were only a few dreams about food.

"This indicates there is no shortage of food," explained Mr Ruddock.

When a teacher asked a class how many children would be willing to do fire watching they jumped out of their seats with excitement and every hand flew into the air.

Wounded War Prisoners Repatriation Sought

A way of repatriating badly-wounded British and German war prisoners is being sought by the International Red Cross.

Men to be repatriated will be those so injured that they cannot fight again.

German prisoners in Britain are being examined by a special Commission of two Swiss doctors and one British. They will decide which wounded may be sent home.

A similar Commission is at work among British prisoners in Germany. "Not An Exchange"

A War Office official said recently: "Any prisoners claiming that by reason of their injuries they are permanently non-combatant may ask for repatriation."

"When a route and transport has been agreed upon, the men recommended by the doctors will go. The return of prisoners, it is stressed, will be repatriation, not exchange."

A Red Cross official said that the chief difficulty is that of transport.

After Switzerland?

"The Germans can easily put British wounded into Switzerland, but transport after that is causing some worry and we have not yet planned transport for Germans. Nothing can be done until this question is settled."

No German prisoners in Canada are to be repatriated.

"They are the healthiest, lustiest of the German prisoners and have therefore no claim under International Law."

Germans Fly Over Greenland

A Greenland official arriving in America recently aboard a Danish vessel said German planes made reconnaissance flight over the east of the island late in March.

Dr. Sylvester Saxtorph, island medical director who is en route to New York to purchase supplies, made the statement in reply to a question whether he had witnessed any indications of German intentions to occupy Greenland.

The United States embraced Greenland within its hemisphere defense system early in April and President Roosevelt said then it was proposed to make "sure" the island would remain Danish.

Dr. Saxtorph said the German planes consisted of two squadrons of six planes each and that they made several flights over the eastern coast.

CENSORS 'CREATE MISTRUST'

Attempts by Government Departments to minimise bad news about the war were referred to at the annual conference of the National Union of Journalists in Manchester.

Mr Ernest Hunter, in his presidential address, criticised the Service departments of the Censorship Bureau.

The foolish attempts by the Ministry of Home Security and the Air Ministry to hide the extent of casualties in air raids could not, he said, be defended.

They created distrust and ought to stop. A possible danger, in view of the newspaper shortage, added Mr Hunter, was that some bright genius might evolve the idea of only one newspaper to tell the nation the news.

Free To Criticise

But a varied Press, free to argue and criticise, was part of the essence of our national case in this war.

The conference, while dissociating itself from the "defeatist and subversive propaganda of 'The Daily Worker'," passed a resolution protesting against the method of the paper's suppression.

The conference unanimously elected Mr T. Tom Foster, a member of the staff of the "Daily Herald," as president of the union for 1941-42. Mr Donald Elliott, of Edinburgh, becomes vice-president.

CHURCH'S CURE FOR "INSOLENT BUREAUCRATS"

"The insolence of power is a subtle poison and embitters even the services of the Benign Ministry. To the average bureaucrat the poor are not immortal souls or sons of God. At the best they are interesting cases; at the worst a mass of statistics or confounded nuisances."

So said Mr Philip Milner Oliver, of Manchester, in his presidential address to the General Assembly of Unitarian and Free Christian Churches at Oxford recently.

"The medieval Church had a corrective for such insolence," Mr Oliver added. "Her great ones washed the feet of beggars. The practice might be revived, and the feet of the poor be washed by our Civil Servants."

Beautiful, Dangerous

He also said the war was a war not of the cold and arrogant Prussian as in 1914 but of the romantic South from which Germany's leaders came.

Romanticism was a beautiful but dangerous thing. It bred snails or devils. The narrow streets of its Gothic cities, bright in the sunshine, were sinister in shadow.

One day it painted a lovely Madonna, the next it planned a pogrom of the Jews.

Film Libraries Plan For Schools

Establishment of regional film libraries throughout the country after the war is recommended by the British Film Institute in a report on the use of educational films in schools.

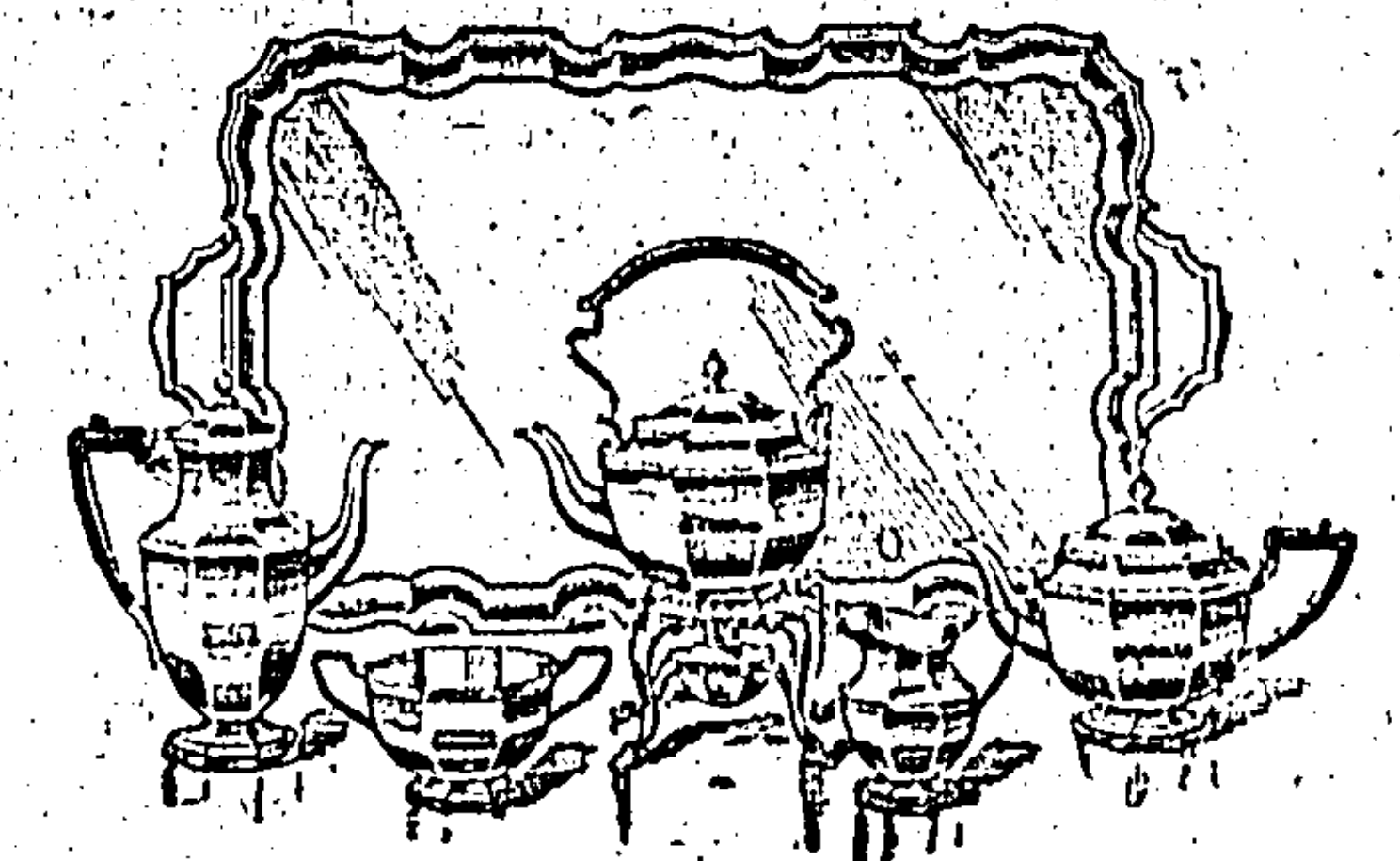
These libraries, it is argued, would create a constant demand for new film prints. The report states that 80 per cent. of North of England schools equipped with film projectors had not used them for the last 12 months and 80 per cent. had been idle for the past 18 months. The reason was that they could not afford the hiring fees charged by commercial film libraries.

Hit Bomb With A Hammer: Killed

"One can only think that this man wanted to show his knowledge of bombs to his relatives," said the coroner at a Wimbledon inquest on Sapper A. E. Tomkins.

It was stated that Tomkins tried to knock the top off an enemy fire bomb with a hammer and chisel. It exploded, killing him and injuring two boys and a girl.

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Desertrabla from Fiala—midway between Jassy and Galatz—is described in a dispatch by a special correspondent of "Invesla," the official organ of the Soviet Government.
The correspondent says, "Our frontier guards made heroic efforts to prevent the crossing of the river but could not withstand the pressure of the enemy who had an enormous numerical superiority."
Having concentrated a powerful force of infantry and tanks on the Soviet bank, the enemy began the offensive. It was necessary to deal him a terrific blow immediately.

Cavalry Charge
Bombers and fighters hurried themselves as he crossed the frontier, raining down bombs. Numbers of enemy tanks were immediately destroyed and their infantry suffered heavy losses. Disorder broke out in the enemy ranks during this raid and, taking advantage, the Soviet cavalry charged their lines, using their sabres and chasing the enemy back towards the bridge.
The avalanche of cavalry destroyed all in its path and cleared the bridge of the enemy.

NAZI AIR FORCE VERSUS TANKS

FROM PAGE ONE

powerful blows to communications in the rear of the enemy.

South-Eastern Front
LONDON, June 25 (Reuter).—The following communiqué was issued to-day by the General Command on the German-Rumanian front, according to a Bucharest dispatch to the official Italian news agency:

"Operations during the first three days have proceeded according to plans established in advance. Some attempts by the enemy to counter-attack were repulsed.

"Enemy aviation yesterday made an intensive bombardment of Constantza, Sulina and Galatz, and dropped several bombs in Tulcea, Braila and Jassy, but without causing any damage of importance.

Remarkable
"Our aircraft bombed important military objectives, obtaining everywhere remarkable results.

"German and Rumanian aviation have demonstrated in the past three days their crushing superiority over enemy aviation, destroying 400 enemy machines. Out of this total, 30 Soviet planes were destroyed by the Rumanian air force and anti-aircraft guns, and 40 machines were destroyed on the ground by the Rumanian air force which lost a total of 12 machines."

FINLAND AT WAR

FROM PAGE ONE

are still at Helsinki but the Minister's family departed yesterday, according to a report received here.
The Polish Minister and the Military Attache have received their passports and are expected to go to Stockholm.

Helsinki Bombings
HELSINKI, June 25 (UP).—It is officially announced that the wide-spread bombings by the Soviets in the last ten hours have resulted in fires and numerous casualties at many places, at least being one fatal.
Twenty Soviet planes were shot down over Finnish territory.
Fifteen Soviet planes bombed Joensuu at 11 a.m. and three others re-bombed the town at noon. One civilian was killed and thirty wounded.

One fire was started at Rovaniemi when the town was bombed by three Soviet planes and many fires were started when it was again bombed at 11.30 a.m.
Other places bombed to-day included Saint Michel, Kemijarvi, Jorola; and Norkia near Tampere where one was killed.

Parliament Meets
BERLIN, June 25 (Reuter).—The Finnish Parliament met in a secret session at 7 o'clock to-night, states a Helsinki dispatch. After an hour the session was adjourned.
It was resumed at 9.30 p.m. and was still in progress two hours later.



DON'T OVERLOAD—U.S. Army researchers have been developing concentrated rations and here is a day's nourishment in a four-ounce, chocolate-like bar. But Private Lawrence Craine, in Chicago, considers it doesn't look like a ho-man's meal.

ALLIED FORCES IN SYRIA

FROM PAGE ONE

respondent of the Independent French news agency.

The exodus from Syria continues, adds the correspondent, and some 150 Germans and Italians arrived in Istanbul from Syria yesterday.

Appeal To Berlin
ZURICH, June 25 (Reuter).—Otto Abetz, German Ambassador to France, has arrived in Berlin, according to the Berlin correspondent of "Die Tat." The aim of his visit, it is reported, is to inform the German Government in accordance with Vichy's wishes, of "the exceptional deterioration" in the situation of the Vichy forces in Syria following the fall of Damascus.

LATE NEWS

Vladivostok Open To Receive Munitions

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American citizens, he has no intention of issuing a proclamation.

Combat Zones
Asked what effect this would have on the transport of arms to Russia in American ships, Mr. Welles explained that the combat zones already established by the President do not include the Pacific region. Vladivostok will thus remain open to American ships carrying arms or any other supplies.

Under the Neutrality Act, American ships are forbidden to carry arms to "belligerent" ports or defined combat areas.
Mr. Welles added that the United States had still not received an official communication from the Russian Government since the American declaration on Monday favouring Russia against Germany and President Roosevelt's announcement that all American aid possible would be given to Russia.

Relaxing Export Control
MANILA, June 25 (UP).—It is reliably reported that Mr. Francis Sayre, the United States High Commissioner has queried Washington regarding the possibility of relaxing the export control on shipments to Russia.

SWEDEN'S ACTION

FROM PAGE ONE

the official German news agency, states: "In the situation occasioned by the outbreak of war between Germany and the Soviet Union, Sweden will unswervingly pursue her autonomy and independence and to remain outside the conflict."
"By the new position, however, we are faced with certain exceptional questions. Thus it has been suggested both by Finland and Germany that Sweden should permit the transport by the Swedish railway of a corps of troops limited to one division from Norway to Finland."
"The Government, with the consent of the Riksdag, and in consideration of the formality necessary for the protection of Swedish sovereignty."

Secret Session On Shipping

LONDON, June 25 (Reuter).—The House of Commons to-day discussed the shipping position in a secret session.
It is understood that the Prime Minister made a comprehensive statement to the House.

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Docks \$15.25	
Hotels \$3	
Lands \$31.75	
Chinese Estates \$30	
Trams \$10.40	
Lights "A" \$1.30	
Lights "B" 30 cts	
Electricity "O" 2c Rts \$21.75	
Electricity Rts \$11	
Telephones "O" \$22.25	
Cement \$14	
Ropes \$7.75	
Watsons \$10.20	
Entertainments \$0.80	
Sellers	
Providents \$5.50	
Watsons \$10.40	

Grannie Becomes An Engineer

A grandmother, training as an engineer, is being coached at home in her simple arithmetic course by her small grandson. She was mentioned by Miss Caroline Haslett, Ministry of Labour adviser on women's training, as an example of what women could do if given the chance.

Miss Haslett suggested that a monument should be erected to "Immortal" of billeted war workers, since on them "so much" will depend in this war.

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WHITEAWAY'S

Lithuania In War News

Lithuania is again in the news. Its independence has been re-declared following reports of the entry of German troops into Kaunas. Since then the Nazis claim to have captured Vilna, former capital of Lithuania.



Premature Report

Finland Not Yet At War, But Likely To Be

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

WASHINGTON, June 25 (UP).—It now transpires that Finland is not yet actually at war with Russia, as originally reported to-day.

The Finnish Legation, which was understood at first to have stated that Finland was at war, actually declared that it was "expected that a declaration of a state of war between Finland and Russia would be made", and that Finland is taking all measures for defence.

The Finnish Parliament is meeting at Helsinki. From Helsinki it is officially reported that the Premier had taken defensive measures against the Soviets with all the military means at her disposal.

In the meantime, according to a Moscow report, the Turkish Ambassador has informed the Soviet Foreign Commissariat of Turkey's neutrality in the Soviet-German war.

Helsinki Raided

LONDON, June 25 (Reuter).—Moscow Radio announced that Soviet planes to-day raided Helsinki, the capital of Finland.

Russian Envoy

STOCKHOLM, June 25 (Reuter).—The Russian Minister and his staff are still at Helsinki but the Minister's family departed yesterday, according to a report received here.

The Polish Minister and the Military Attache have received their passports and are expected to go to Stockholm.

Helsinki Bombings

HELSINKI, June 25 (UP).—It is officially announced that the widespread bombings by the Soviets in the last ten hours have resulted in fires and numerous casualties at many places, at least being one fatal.

Twenty Soviet planes were shot down over Finnish territory. Fifteen Soviet planes bombed Joensuu at 11 a.m. and three others re-bombed the town at noon. One civilian was killed and thirty wounded.

One fire was started at Rovaniemi when the town was bombed by three.

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Huge Appropriations For U.S. Defences

Special to the "Telegraph"

WASHINGTON, June 25 (UP).—The House to-day passed by a voice vote and sent to the Senate the \$895,821,000 deficiency appropriation bill for national defence.

The bill includes funds for increasing the Navy's air force to 10,400 planes through the purchase of 2,236 planes by the allocation of \$482,000,000 in cash.

The measure follows the ten billion 1942 Army appropriation bill which the House sent to the Senate several weeks ago. To-day's measure allocates \$100,000,000 for the Navy, with which to acquire auxiliaries—nineteen for the Navy and seven for the Army. The Coast Guard is allocated \$60,000,000 with which to

TANKS AND PLANES GET TO GRIPS: GERMANS REPULSED

Przemysl Recaptured In Daring Counter-Attack

Special to the "Telegraph"

MOSCOW, June 25 (UP).—AN OFFICIAL COMMUNIQUE ISSUED TO-DAY TELLS OF HOW MOBILE ENEMY UNITS DEVELOPED AN OFFENSIVE IN THE DIRECTION OF VILNA AND BARANOVITCHI, THE LATTER BEING AN IMPORTANT SOVIET BASE.

RUSSIAN AIR FORMATIONS SUCCESSFULLY BATTLED AGAINST ENEMY TANKS THROUGHOUT THE DAY IN THESE DIRECTIONS.

During the battle a certain group of tanks managed to penetrate into the Vilna region. Thanks to the stubborn Russian resistance and to the active operations of the Soviet land troops, formations of enemy infantry were cut off in these sections from their tanks.

The enemy's attempts to penetrate towards Brod and Lwow are meeting with strong resistance from the Red armed forces which counter-attacked with the help of strong blows from Russian aviation.

During the course of the fighting, enemy mechanised formations suffered a heavy blow. The battle is continuing.

WHY HITLER HAS INVADED RUSSIA

Latest London Speculation

By Wallace Carroll
Special to the "Telegraph"

LONDON, June 25 (UP).—A diplomatic source which a fortnight ago accurately predicted the German attack on Russia, to-day said that Hitler's purpose is military rather than economic. Hitler wants to smash the Red Army and air force before he attempts an invasion of England, not because he fears the Soviets will attack the German rear while they are engaged with the British, but for other reasons.

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TRAFFIC SUSPENDED

SHANGHAI, June 25 (UP).—Torrential rains which have been beating down from morning to night, resulted in the flooding of the low-lying districts of the International Settlement Concessions which disrupted traffic and forced the withdrawal of all tram cars and buses from the Concession last evening.

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The Alternative

As an alternative, it is stated that the Germans might strike through Iraq and Iran at the British flank in the Middle East, depending on the air and U-boat blockade to bring the British under submission.

This source, as well as other British observers, were reluctant to predict the outcome of the Soviet-German conflict and were reluctant to base any great hopes for prolonged Soviet resistance. Even if Hitler hopes for a two-months war, well informed circles point out that Britain will gain at least three months to boost production and strengthen the defences at home, as well as to reinforce General Wavell's position in the Middle East.

War Will Halt Flow Of Oil Seeds To Nazis

LONDON, June 25 (Reuter).—The immediate result of the Russo-German conflict is to stop the flow of oil seeds over the Trans-Siberian Railway to Germany, which is likely to cause a reaction in the German margarine and soap ration, says the British Ministry of Economic Warfare.

The oil seeds, which hitherto constituted the bulk of the total volume of goods carried by this route, are important not only for their vegetable oil contents (they form the basis of margarine and soap) but the residue is valuable fodder for cattle.

By a daring counter-attack, Russian troops recaptured the city of Przemysl.

In the Czernowicz section of Bessarabia, Russian forces repulsed vigorous attacks by the enemy attempting to cross the river.

In another Bessarabian sector troops of the Red army are solidly maintaining their positions on the east bank of the River Pruth and successfully repulsed many enemy attempts to cross the river.

Important Defeats

Important defeats were inflicted on the enemy in the region of Skouleny during his offensive. Remnants of his forces were thrown back across the river Pruth. German and Rumanian soldiers were taken prisoner.

"Our aviation struck destructive blows against German aerodromes in Finland, bombed Memel and also ships north of Libau as well as gasoline dumps at Constanza. During the day, 70 enemy planes were shot down in aerial combats or by anti-air guns. Seventeen of our planes failed to return to their bases.

Prisoner's Complaint

"A German pilot who was taken prisoner after his plane had been shot down on the Soviet-Finnish border said, 'We do not want to fight against the Russians but were forced to do so. We are sick of war and do not know for whom we are fighting.'

"In one sector of the front German soldiers were marching into battle in a drunken condition and suffered heavy losses in dead and wounded. German soldiers who were taken prisoners declared, 'Before we fight, they give us liquor.'

Luftwaffe Claims

BERLIN, June 25 (UP).—The official news agency reports that the TURN TO Back Page, Column 3

LATEST

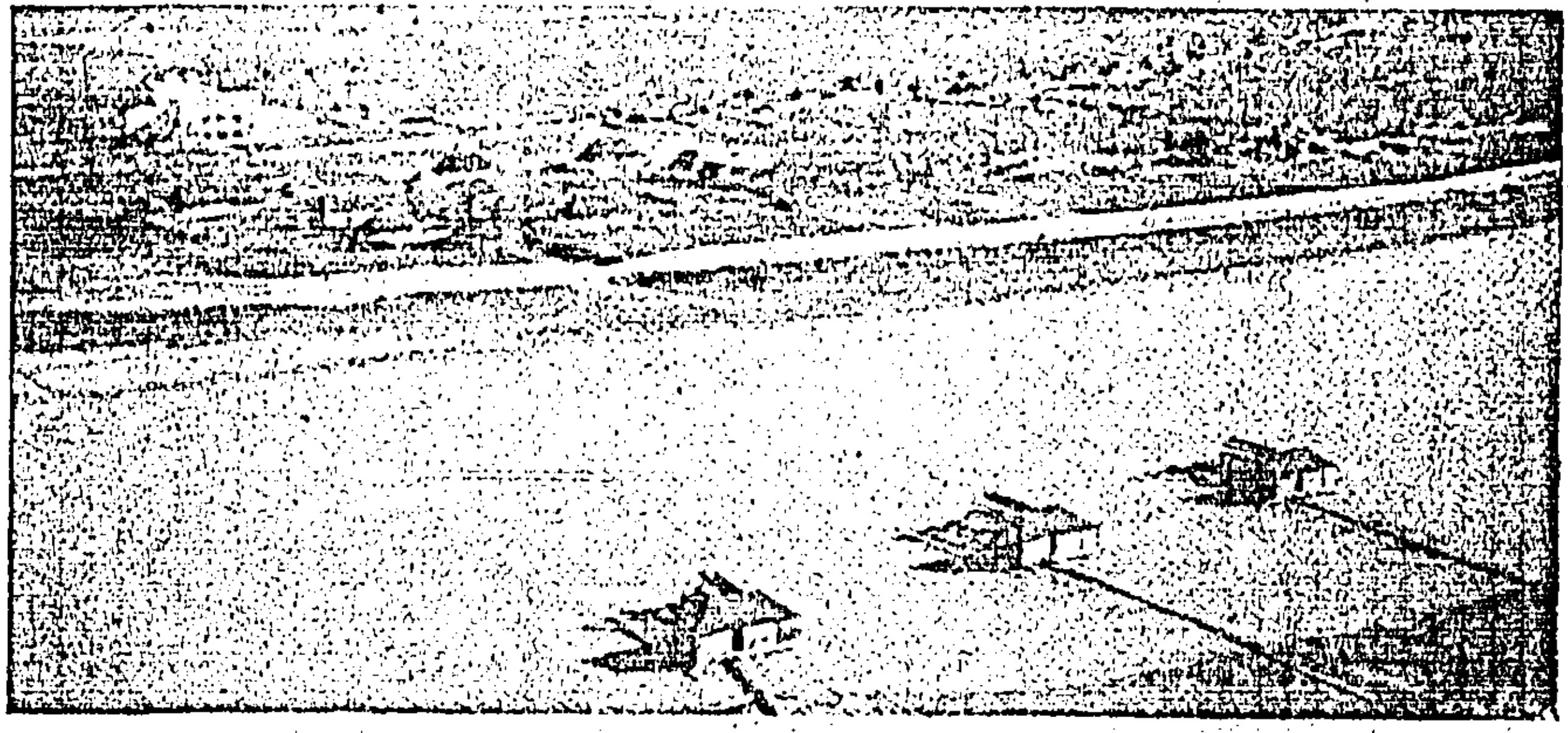
Turkish Ship Torpedoed

Naval Officers And Men Drowned

NEW YORK, June 25 (Reuter).—At 10.30 p.m. yesterday an unidentified submarine torpedoed the Turkish ship Rifha which was en route to Alexandria and sent to the bottom with 73 out of 101 passengers, reports the Ankara correspondent of the National Broadcasting Company in a broadcast from the Turkish capital.

The torpedo, the correspondent reported, broke the vessel in two and only one lifeboat could be launched. The ship had aboard 100 Turkish naval officers and men described as the "cream of the Turkish navy," who were enroute to England. It was stated.

The incident has aroused considerable feeling in Ankara as the ship carried an illuminated Turkish flag and arrangements had been made with Germany and Italy to ensure its safe passage.



Allied Forces Carrying All Before Them In Syria

CAIRO, June 25 (Reuter).—It is officially announced that British and Australian troops have occupied Merj Ayoum and Inbales Saki in their advance northwards. In the right sector in Syria, all is quiet in Damascus. In the coastal sector, by bombarding Vichy positions in the Damour area, the Royal Navy is actively supporting the advance of Australian troops.

R.A.F. Bomb French And German Cities

Special to the "Telegraph"

DOVER, June 25 (UP).—The R.A.F. in force swept Northern France a second time to-day after an early afternoon raid which was the biggest of the war.

In the second afternoon raid the R.A.F. reached the French coast from a different route, thereby taking the defenders by surprise.

The "United Press" correspondent at Dover was able to see bombs crash at Boulogne, Calais and other places along the coast, while he also heard bomb explosions well inland.

The Air Ministry also reports that Colonne, Dusseldorf and Kiel were heavily attacked on Tuesday night. Four German bombers were shot down and two British planes are missing.

Hazebrouch Attacked

LONDON, June 25 (Reuter).—Soon after mid-day to-day, Blenheim aircraft of the Bomber Command, with a strong escort of fighters, attacked railway goods yards at Hazebrouch, states the British Air Ministry.

Bombs were seen to burst in the yards which were crowded with traffic. Direct hits were also scored on two railway bridges, one of which collapsed.

An ammunition train blew up. Reports so far received show that British fighters destroyed seven enemy planes.

Airfield Raided

LONDON, June 25 (Reuter).—The German airfield at Longueuesse, near St Omer, was bombed and the hangars and buildings were hit by the second of the R.A.F.'s double sweep over Northern France to-day.

SHIPMENTS FROM U.S. TO BRITAIN

WASHINGTON, June 25 (Reuter).—Shipments from the United States to Britain in April totalled \$128 millions. This represents the largest amount of goods sent to Britain in the past 20 years, and is nearly 2 1/2 times greater than in April last year.

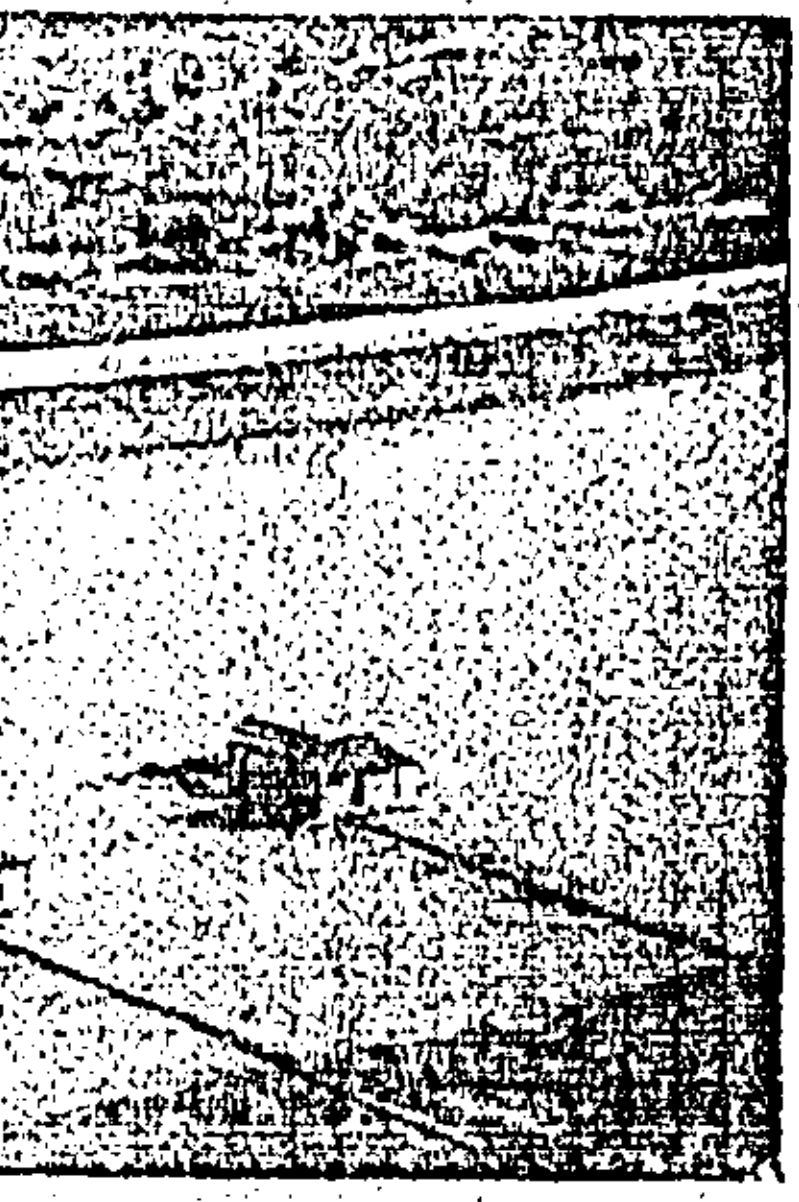
The British Empire in April received \$246 millions worth of American goods—about 81 per cent of the United States total exports.

Fleet Air Arm Find Nazi Liner

NEW YORK, June 25 (Reuter).—American maritime sources report that a British Fleet plane attacked and probably sank the German liner Elbe of 8,000 tons, in the Atlantic.

Where Russians Are Withdrawing

The Russian forces are reported to be withdrawing across the River Dniester to their main defence lines. Here is a view of the Dniester in the Soviet Ukraine where the Soviets have huge fortifications.



At Close Grips

NEW YORK, June 25 (Reuter).—The Australians were engaged in hand-to-hand fighting but when they finally occupied Merj Ayoum at dawn, they found the stronghold deserted and that only a few snipers were left.

Vichy forces are reported to have fled northward during the night.

Support From Air

CAIRO, June 25 (Reuter).—The Fleet Air Arm bombed enemy destroyers in the harbour of Beirut yesterday and also started fires in an attack on Tripoli.

Benghazi was heavily raided by the R.A.F. In Syria, aircraft of the R.A.F. and the Royal Australian Air Force carried out a number of offensive operations.

Damascus Bombed

JERUSALEM, June 25 (Reuter).—Over 50 were killed and many were TURN TO Back Page, Column 5

BOMBS ON ACRE

HAIFA, June 25 (Reuter).—The Crusader fortress town of Acre—where Sir Sydney Smith successfully withstood Napoleon's siege—experienced the first air raid of its history, when hostile aircraft on Wednesday morning dropped bombs causing some damage to property, and slightly injuring one civilian.

It is authoritatively stated that hostile planes also approached Haifa where the ground defences went into action, and some bombs were dropped that did little damage and caused no casualties.

Haifa Also Bombed

JERUSALEM, June 25 (UP).—Air raiders bombed Haifa to-day with but little damage to property.

The ancient stone walls of the biblical town of Acre were subjected to their first air attack this morning, the bombs causing some damage.

Reported Nazi Peace Offer To Britain

Special to the "Telegraph"

ANKARA, June 25 (UP).—Neutral diplomatic sources declared, without confirmation, that the Nazi Ambassador, von Papen, using the Turkish Government as an intermediary, approached the British Government with an alleged offer of peace if the British would join a coalition against the Bolsheviks.

The British Ambassador, Sir Hughe Knatchbull-Hugessen, is alleged to have replied by referring the Germans to Mr Churchill's recent speech. Concurrently, and again without confirmation, it is rumoured that German peace moves have also been made in other capitals of Europe. The return of the British Ambassador from Istanbul last Monday is reported to have been connected with the foregoing alleged démarche.

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- 5.—All photographs entered must have been taken in the Colony of Hongkong. Photographs which have been already entered in other Competitions are ineligible.
- 6.—No responsibility will be accepted for non-delivery of, loss of, or damage to entries.
- 7.—All entries to be either black & white, or tinted pictures which may be mounted on coloured photographs are ineligible.
- 8.—Pictures submitted in sepia tones may be accompanied by a smaller print in black and white.
- 9.—No picture to be entered in more than one Section.
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- 11.—No correspondence will be entered into in connection with the Competition.
- 12.—Members of the Staffs of the "Hongkong Telegraph" and the "South China Morning Post" are not permitted to compete.
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Japanese Commander Killed

CHANGTSE, June 25 (Central News).—Among the casualties suffered by the Japanese recently in central Hupoh was General Nagano, Commander of the 37th Detachment who was killed by a Chinese mobile unit on June 17 in the vicinity of Lienhuazue in Tienkiang.

On June 18, Nagano's body was removed to a point north of Lienhuazue and cremated together with a number of other Japanese war dead.

H.K. Stock Market

The following quotations were issued on the Hongkong Stock Market this morning.

BANKS

H.K. Banks \$.....1315 b.
H.K. Banks £.....754 n.
H.K. Banks (H.K.) £.....70 n.
Chartered £.....84 n.
Mercantile & B. £.....23 1/2 n.
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China Lights (new) \$.....1.30 b.
Lights Rts. \$.....30 cts b.
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H.K. Electric (new) \$.....20 1/2 n.
H.K. Electric Rts \$.....11 b. & sa.
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Sandoan Lights \$.....12 n.
Telephones (old) \$.....22 1/2 n.
Telephones (new) \$.....9 b.

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Cald. Macg. (Ord.), Sh. \$.....30 n.
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Canton Ice \$.....1 n.
Cements \$.....14 1/2 n.
H.K. Ropes \$.....8 b. & sa.

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Dairy Farms \$.....17 1/2 n.
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Shai Cotton Sh. \$.....203 n.

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H.K. Govt. 4%.....07 1/2 n.
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Ch. Govt. 5% 1925 GBds.....28 n.
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Constructions (old) \$.....1.00 n.
Constructions (new) \$.....1 n.
Vibro Piling \$.....7.20 n.
Marine Inv. (Lon.) \$/.....6/8 n.
Marine Inv. (H.K.) \$/.....3/1 1/2 n.

COL KNOX DECLARES POLICY

All Quiet In Pacific

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

WASHINGTON, June 25 (UP).—

At the press conference to-day, the Secretary of the Navy, Col. Frank Knox, stated that the Federal Government has no intention of declaring martial law, expanding naval jurisdiction or in any other manner changing the present military and naval arrangements in Hawaii.

The Secretary made the statement in response to a question regarding a report that the United States may invoke martial law in the Territory. He declared "The army will protect Hawaii in case of emergency. They now have the necessary troops to do so."

Reference To Patrols

The Secretary told reporters that the United States does not intend to establish a patrol in the Pacific similar to that in the Atlantic to guard merchant shipping routes to Russia the same as the navy now patrols the routes across the Atlantic to Britain.

The Pacific fleet will not change its present patrol assignments and a Pacific patrol like the Atlantic patrol is not necessary because there are no German warships in the Pacific area.

No German raiders have been reported for several months.

The navy has no plans to extend naval aid to Russia under the Lend and Lease programme because the Russians have submarines and other vessels in the Pacific.

Sweden's ACTION

Transit To Nazi Troops

LONDON, June 25 (Reuter).—

Sweden has agreed to the German request for the transit of certain German troops from Norway to Finland, according to a Stockholm dispatch.

Secret Meeting

STOCKHOLM, June 25 (Reuter).—

The Riksdag met in a secret session to-day.

No announcement has been made so far regarding yesterday's meeting of the Cabinet presided over by King Gustav.

A meeting of the Foreign Affairs Committee of the Cabinet was also held yesterday under the presidency of the Crown Prince.

Monday and Tuesday have been public holidays but beyond reiteration of Sweden's desire to continue to avoid being dragged into a "great Power's war," it is unlikely that much indication of Sweden's attitude will be available.

Explanation

LONDON, June 25 (Reuter).—

A Stockholm communiqué, according to a Stockholm dispatch to the official German news agency, states: "In the situation occasioned by the outbreak of war between Germany and the Soviet Union, Sweden will unswervingly pursue her autonomy and independence and to remain outside the conflict."

"By the new position, however, we are faced with certain exceptional questions. Thus it has been suggested both by Finland and Germany that Sweden should permit the transport by the Swedish railway of a corps of troops limited to one division from Norway to Finland."

"The Government, with the consent of the Riksdag, and in consideration of the formality necessary for the protection of Swedish sovereignty."

Moscow Munitions Plants

Thoroughly Modern

LONDON, June 25 (Reuter).—

Moscow Radio to-day stresses the importance of the part played by the present struggle by Soviet scientists who, under the direction of M. Stalin, have made vast strides in technical and industrial development and, during the present year, achieved surprising results which would have a decisive effect on the outcome of the war.

The output from factories had exceeded all the results anticipated or hoped for. Whereas in 1934 only small arms ammunition and light field artillery shells could be produced in Russia, the U.S.S.R. can produce all types of ammunition and shells for the largest type of guns in sufficient quantities to win the war.

Former H.K. Resident As A.T.S. Officer

A former resident in Hongkong, Mrs. Nell, is now Press Officer for the A.T.S. with headquarters at the War Office. She holds the rank of Company Commander.

"World's Press News" describes Mrs. Nell as representing the new spirit in the A.T.S. She joined the A.T.S. as a cook, passed on to do the mending for an A.T.C. (Infantry Training Centre) and became an officer in charge of 150 girls, passed to recruiting and finally was chosen by Dame Helen Vaughan to be Press Officer for the organization.

Before the war, Mrs. Nell managed for two years the perfume section of "Kilburn" and "Mason's" who had been married six years, had lived abroad in Hongkong and the East and, according to this journal, "is a bundle of vitality, verve and charm."

TURKS FRIENDS OF BOTH SIDES

LONDON, June 25 (Reuter).—The Turco-German Pact was unanimously approved by the Turkish Grand National Assembly to-day, states the Ankara radio. The German Ambassador, von Papen, was present at the Session.

M. Sarajoglu, the Turkish Foreign Minister, in a statement on the Pact said, "This treaty which regulates the relations of the two countries concerned and which shows that these relations will develop in a friendly manner in the future, is characterised by a definite stipulation that so far as we are concerned it means that Turkey's existing pledges under the Turco-British alliance are foregone and remain intact."

"In this light I consider it my duty to thank the German statesmen who have afforded us the means of working fervently for the establishment of Turco-German friendship by accepting the reservation that we keep our word already pledged to our friends."

"This constituted the main condition in the conduct of the negotiations."

Open Negotiations
M. Sarajoglu then proceeded to give details of how the pact had been brought about emphasising that during negotiations both parties had acted correctly and openly.

M. Sarajoglu added "Moreover, we on our part, kept our British friends informed of important stages in the development of our negotiations with the Germans and in most instances carried on consultations with our British friends."

Fair Play
After stating that Turkey had followed fair play, M. Sarajoglu concluded, "It can again be stated on that side that the Turkish army—heroic guardian of our peace—and along the same front, belligerent nations as well as neutrals, and finally world public opinions have taken their stand to safeguard Turkish peace. We will not fail in our effort to prove to the world by future development of our activities that Turkey deserves to remain in this honourable position."

Major Baseball

Cincinnati Beat Phillies In Double Header

NEW YORK, June 25 (Reuter).—Cincinnati Reds scored a double victory over Philadelphia Phillies in a two-game bill in the National Baseball League to-day. New York Yankees edged out the St. Louis Browns 7-5 in the American circuit.

NATIONAL LEAGUE

Philadelphia 3 11 1
Cincinnati 10 10 0
St. Louis 7 5 1
New York 6 2 1
Chicago 1 0 1
Pittsburgh 1 0 1
Brooklyn 5 0 1
Cleveland 2 7 2
Hershey 7 9 2
Detroit 4 0 0
Boston 2 1 1
Washington 0 0 2

AMERICAN LEAGUE

St. Louis 5 11 1
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Cleveland 2 7 2
Hershey 7 9 2
Detroit 4 0 0
Boston 2 1 1
Washington 0 0 2

SHANGHAI RUMOUR REFUTED

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

CHUNGKING, June 25 (UP).—It is authoritatively stated that the Shanghai rumour that Dr. Quo Tachih's plane has been either shot down by Japanese planes or was wrecked while making a forced landing is entirely groundless.

Dutch Butchers Sent To Concentration Camp

LONDON, June 25 (Reuter).—Five Dutch butchers were sent to a German concentration camp for the illegal slaughter of meat, according to Dutch circles in London. This sentence was described as a warning.

Vladivostok Open To Receive U.S. Munitions

WASHINGTON, June 25 (Reuter).—President Roosevelt does not intend to issue a "neutrality" proclamation on the Russo-German war, according to an announcement by Mr. Sumner Welles, Under-Secretary of State, to-day.

United States ships will thus be permitted to carry arms to Vladivostok.

The United States is taking up the same position as she has maintained during the undeclared Sino-Japanese war.

Mr. Welles pointed out that under the Neutrality Act a neutrality proclamation is required when the President or Congress "shall find that there exists a state of war between foreign states and that it is necessary to promote or preserve the peace of the United States or protect the lives of citizens of the United States."

Mr. Welles added that President Roosevelt had authorised him to announce that inasmuch as he finds that a proclamation is unnecessary in the present instance to promote the peace of the United States or protect American citizens, he has no intention of issuing a proclamation.

Combat Zones

Asked what effect this would have on the transport of arms to Russia in

FALANGE OUTBURST EXPLAINED

No Love For Britain

MADRID, June 25 (Reuter).—

Commenting on the German-organised riot outside the British Embassy in Madrid on Tuesday, the Falange organ "Arriba," after stressing that yesterday's manifestations were directed "exclusively against Russia," admits that some of its remnants not subject to discipline, branched from this intention and went to extremes "which only means that feeling against our oldest enemy is fresh and aroused."

The "Arriba" says that an explanation for the feeling against the old enemy Great Britain, "would be found in simple meditation on the progress of our empire, strangled to the point of slavery."

The article ends with a severe order to Falange comrades that nothing must be left to spontaneous joy and that Falangists must follow commands with strict discipline.

INDECENT ASSAULT CHARGE

Ip Yee-po, 40, earth cooler, of 38 Wanchai Road, first floor, was fined \$50 or in default two months' hard labour by Mr. A. N. Macfarlane at Central Magistracy this morning on a charge of indecent assault on a male person named Ng Cheong, 17, apprentice printer, of 104 Johnston Road, first floor, at a hillside near Bowen Road, on June 25.

Sgt. Willerton prosecuted.

It was stated that Complainant and Defendant were friends. Complainant, working as an apprentice printer, earned very little money and he asked Defendant to introduce him to a higher position. On June 25 at 7 p.m. Defendant asked Complainant to accompany him for a walk in Bowen Road, where he would discuss matters with him. As they were passing Wanchai Gap they were noticed by two Indian Police constables who were on the look-out for tree wood cutters.

Suspected Tree-Cutters
The constables suspected that Defendant and Complainant were tree wood cutters and followed them.

They noticed Defendant and Complainant stopping at a hillside and a few minutes later heard shouts of "Give Life." One of the constables rushed to the scene and saw Defendant and Complainant with their trousers down to their knees. Defendant ran away but was chased and arrested by the second constable.

Defendant stated in Court that constable B.339 struck him brutally with a truncheon.

Tricking R. N. Of Coal

Found guilty on a charge of unlawful possession of 1,600 pounds of Indian coal—the property of the Admiralty, Man Kau, 25, master of a boat was fined \$50 or two months' hard labour by Mr. D. J. N. Anderson at Kowloon Magistracy this morning.

Defendant's foki, Ng Mei, 33, was fined \$25 or a month's hard labour on the same charge.

Sergeant Manwaring, of the Royal Naval Yard Police, stated that naval motor boats were forced to do a 24-hour patrol around the Dockyard in order to prevent junks, employed by the Dockyard to carry coal, from throwing coal into the sea for other sampans to pick up later.

Property Of Admiralty
Defendant's boat was found lying near Buoy No. 12 about 2 p.m. on June 24 with the coal on board. No loading or unloading was allowed in the specified area and the coal in question was the property of the Admiralty.

Sergeant N. Allam, in evidence, stated that he saw foks of several small sampans dredging coal in the vicinity and loading it on Defendant's boat.

Defendants said that the coal was brought from other boats.

HUGE FORD BOMBER FACTORY

WASHINGTON, June 25 (Reuter).—The Defence Plant Corporation announced to-day that it would build a \$47,000,000 bomber factory at Ypsilanti, Michigan, to be leased and operated by the Ford Motor Company.

It is understood that the factory is to be an important part of the United States Army's plan to provide facilities for turning out 500 bombers a month.

Calls On Mr Eden

LONDON, June 25 (Reuter).—The British Foreign Secretary, Mr. Anthony Eden, in addition to his interview to-day with the Spanish Ambassador, also saw the Netherlands Foreign Minister, Dr. E. N. van Kieffens, and the United States Ambassador, Mr. John G. Winant.

Relaxing Export Control

MANILA, June 25 (UP).—It is reliably reported that Mr. Francis Sayre, the United States High Commissioner, has queried Washington regarding the possibility of relaxing the export control on shipments to Russia.

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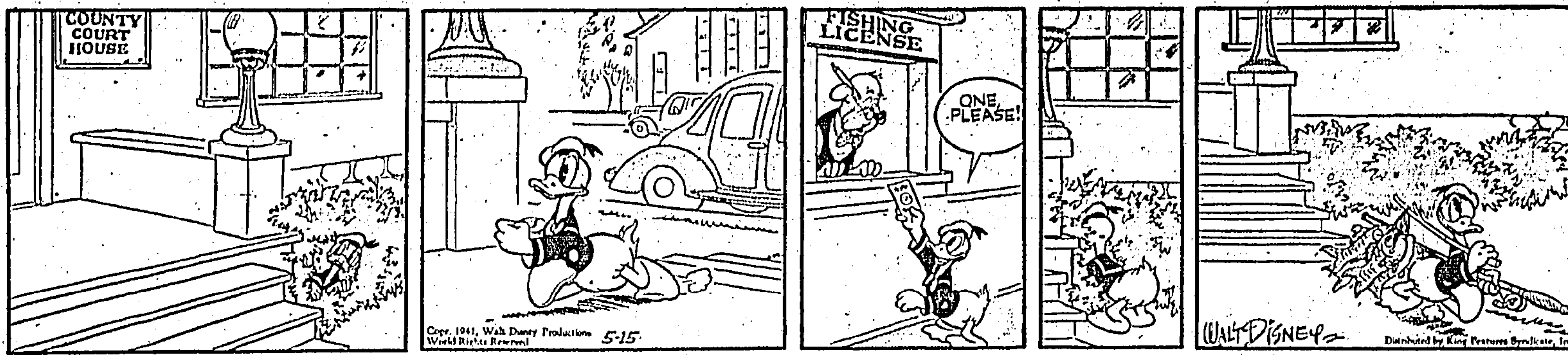
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By JOSEPHINE CULBERTSON

One of the Critics

"DEAR Mrs Culbertson: The enclosed hand caused a great deal of argument between my partner and myself and also plenty of panning from the gallery:

"South dealer.
"Both sides vulnerable.

♠ A Q 3 2
♥ K Q
♦ A J 10 6 5
♣ 9 3

N E
W S

♠ 10 8 7 6
♥ 5 4
♦ 3 2
♣ 8 7 4

"The bidding went as follows:
South West North East
1♥ Pass 1♠ Pass
2♥ Pass 3♥ Pass
3NT Pass 4NT Pass
Pass Dbl. Pass Pass

"West opened the club nine, declarer won and returned the deuce of trumps. West played the three-spot, and now comes the play in question. As West had doubled, declarer figured that the only possible excuse for his double was that he held four trumps, including the jack and ten. (The only high missing honour in the hand, the spade king, hardly could influence his double inasmuch as it was under North's spade bid.) Well, at any rate, declarer played dummy's nine of hearts and, when East won with the ten, the fight began.

"I was South, the declarer, and, although I don't claim to have played the hand perfectly, I argued to the last ditch that my reasoning and line of play were not bad bridge, but the result of a bad double on the part of an opponent. My partner and I almost came to blows, and my wife, who was looking on, and several

other good and near-good players condemned me. Although there were eight or ten to one against me, I still say, and until I hear from you will continue to say, that I wasn't radically wrong in playing this hand. So please settle this ruckus. E. T., Chicago."

I admire this correspondent's indomitable spirit against the eight or ten to one odds, but I'm afraid that I can't back his judgment. He was wrong—dead wrong. It was all very well to figure that his left hand opponent, who had doubled, held four trumps to the J-10, but how could he imagine that, if that were the case, West would fall to put in the ten on the lead toward dummy, as the most elementary insurance play? No matter what he thought of West as doubler, certainly he could not have doubted him with such unbelievable stupidity as to play a low trump from J 10 x x. Hence the only chance was to play for a break of the suit.

To-morrow's Hand

South dealer.
Rubber bridge.
North-South vulnerable

♠ 9 4 2
♥ 7 3 2
♦ Q J 9 6 3
♣ 8 2

N E
W S

♠ 7 6 3
♥ 5 8 0
♦ 8 4 2
♣ 10 7 4

♠ K 8 5
♥ Q J 10 4
♦ A 7 5
♣ K J 6

♠ A Q 10
♥ A K 5
♦ K 10
♣ A 9 5 3

How should this hand be bid?

PRIVATE LIFE OF A PRIVATE CROCKS' PARADE

Further extract from the diary of a journalist now in the Army.

KNEES get grazed. Thumbs get dislocated. Eyes collect grit; muscles stiffen; throats relax. Hearts stop; noses run. Boils rise; arches fall. Bacteria break in; rashes break out.

The spirit is willing; the flesh is weak. I mean that soldiers, like ordinary men, occasionally fall sick.

Now the Army has no control over Acts of God, but it can at least put them up on Parade. It is part of essential discipline; if you've got to be ill, be ill in proper order.

In the event of a sudden attack of something, you may see the Medical Officer by means of a Special Sick Report.

WHAT A VOICE!

Otherwise you Report Sick the night before, giving your particulars to an Orderly Corporal, who puts you down for Sick Parade at 7.45 next morning.

The sick men fall in on the edge of the Square. An important non-com. is there. He is distributing the fatigue men twenty yards away, in a voice that you feel rather than hear.

It vibrates in your hip-bones and teeth seconds after he has finished shouting. We huddle together, stiffening, like corralled cattle when a lion roars.

He turns on his heel and marches towards us.

"Lame men in the rear! Fall in, in three ranks." We fall in. The damaged feet keep still behind us. "O-pen . . . or-deh . . . Ma-harch!"

Our files open. We right dress. Looking straight to our front, we are aware of something like a Death-Ray scorching our faces. It is the eye of the important non-com. inspecting us.

"LOOKATEN!"

His voice says: "Smatter wi' you?" A melancholy Lancashire voice replies: "I'm bad, Sir." "Jamean—ya bad?" "Fell o'er in t' black-out, Sir."

"You'll fall over here if you're not careful. Look at your boots! Look at em! Look to your front, you right-hand man in the centre rank!"—he has eyes in the holes of his caps—"And you. Smatter wi' you?"

"Me chess, Sir." "Chest? Chest? That's no reason why you should come on parade with a dirty cap-badger. Whenja clean it last?"

"Smornin', Sir." "It's dirty. It's filthy. It's terrible. It's caked miles thick with dirty, filthy rust and green verdigris."

"And you—third man in the left in the rear rank—your cap badge is far too golden for my peace of mind. I WANT IT TO BLIND ME!" "Close or-dah . . . Ma-harch! Move to the right in three—Right . . . Tih-hurn! Ker-wick . . . Ma-harch!"

We lead on. He stalks away, still muttering under his breath: "Far too golden for my peace of mind." Conversation breaks out. "Listen to me cough—Ertookerhook!" "Im and 'is capbadger!" "Let me show you my bad leg."

ENTER THE M.O.

The Sick-Bunk Sergeant, a melancholy man, overburdened with the weight of all the sickness of the camp, says "Make less Noise!" From the Treatment Room comes a clink of iodine bottles.

The Medical Officer arrives. He has had to acquire the diagnostic versatility of a Sherlock Holmes; brooding over fever-ending Sick Parades like the experts at the Mint who sort good money from bad as it rides past on a conveyer-belt.

When this is over he will never want to see a human foot again; and he will think of compiling a little handbook of Imaginary Ailments, including Chancer's Arm, Skiver's Sciatica, Swinger's Strain, Old Soldier's Stomach, Bobber's Back.

He will doubtless give a chapter to that peculiar paralysis of the heel and ankle, which accompanied by anxiety and depression, sometimes indicated that a Route March is scheduled for two-thirty.

"Smith!" says Sergeant Mas, the melancholy one. "Erhooc . . . erhoohoo-hoo-hoo!" coughs the man with the chest, and goes in for diagnosis.

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6.47 Dance Music.
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8.15 London Relay—"Questions of the Hour."
8.30 Programme Summary.

8.30 Excerpts from Gilbert and Sullivan's Operas.
"Ruddigore," Sir Rupert Murgatroyd . . . Dorothy Gill and Chorus of Girls; If Somebody There Chanced to Be . . . Muriel Dickson (Sop.); "The Mikado," Our Great Mikado . . . George Baker and Chorus of Men; Young Man, Despair . . . Leo Sheffield, Derek Oldham and George Baker; And Have I Journey'd . . . Derek Oldham and Leo Sheffield; "Patience."—Love is a Plintive Song . . . Winifred Lawson (Soprano); "The Yeomen of the Guard," Comes the Pretty Young Bride . . . Full Company; And, My Loved One . . . Winifred Lawson, Derek Oldham, George Baker and Chorus.
9 Local Time Signal and Announcements.
9.02 Renara at the Piano.
9.07 "Rhythm of the Tain, Intro: 'Valentine,' I Was Lucky, both from 'The Man from Folles Bergeres'; Miracles Sometimes Happen (Ray Noble); Variations on 'Tipperary' (Williams and Judge).
9.15 Studio—Local Newsletter.
9.30 The Drury Lane Theatre Orchestra.

Ball At The Savoy—Selection (Abraham); Three Ballet Tunes; The Leap Year Waltz (both from Novello's 'The Dancing Years').
9.45-10 News in French (on Short Wave only).
9.45 Songs by Evelyn Laye (Soprano) and Richard Crooks (Tenor). Gipsy Moon (Borgnoff); Just To Linger In Your Arms (Arnold); Richard Crooks (Tenor) with Orchestra; When I Grown Too Old To Dream; The Night Is Young (both from 'The Night Is Young') . . . Evelyn Laye (Soprano) with Orchestra.
10 London Relay—The News and News Commentary.
10.15 A Rachmaninoff Programme.
Polichinelle; Prelude in B Flat . . . Left Poulshinoff (Piano); Symphony No. 2 in A Minor, Op. 44, 1st Mov. Allegro moderato; 2nd Mov. Adagio ma non troppo; 3rd Mov. Allegro . . . Sergei Rachmaninoff conducting the Philadelphia Orchestra.
11 London Relay—To Talk of Many Things.
11.15 Close down.

JAPAN IS NONPLUSSED

Will Play Wait And See Policy

TOKYO, June 25 (Reuters).—Discussing for the first time Japan's plans to deal with the new international situation created by the Soviet entry into the war, "sources close to the Government" to-day stated, according to "Domei," "there will be no change in Japan's fundamental policy of attacking primary importance to the solution of the Sino-Japanese conflict and the establishment of a new order in East Asia." "Consequently the Japanese Government is at present not placing undue importance on the question of issuing any announcement formally defining its attitude or of clarifying its future policy, but prefers calmly to watch events abroad and to deal with future developments as they arise."

"During this time, the Cabinet will meet in extraordinary session whenever necessary and will also hold consultations from time to time with high officials of the War and Navy Ministries."

Overseas Chinese Reception

The Overseas Chinese Productive Reconstruction Association, organized by a group of prominent Chinese in Hongkong for the encouragement and promotion of overseas Chinese investments in industrial enterprises in China, will give a reception to the local Press at the Gloucester Hotel at 4 p.m.

Secret Session On Shipping

LONDON, June 25 (Reuters).—The House of Commons to-day discussed the shipping position in a secret session. "It is understood that the Prime Minister made a comprehensive statement to the House."

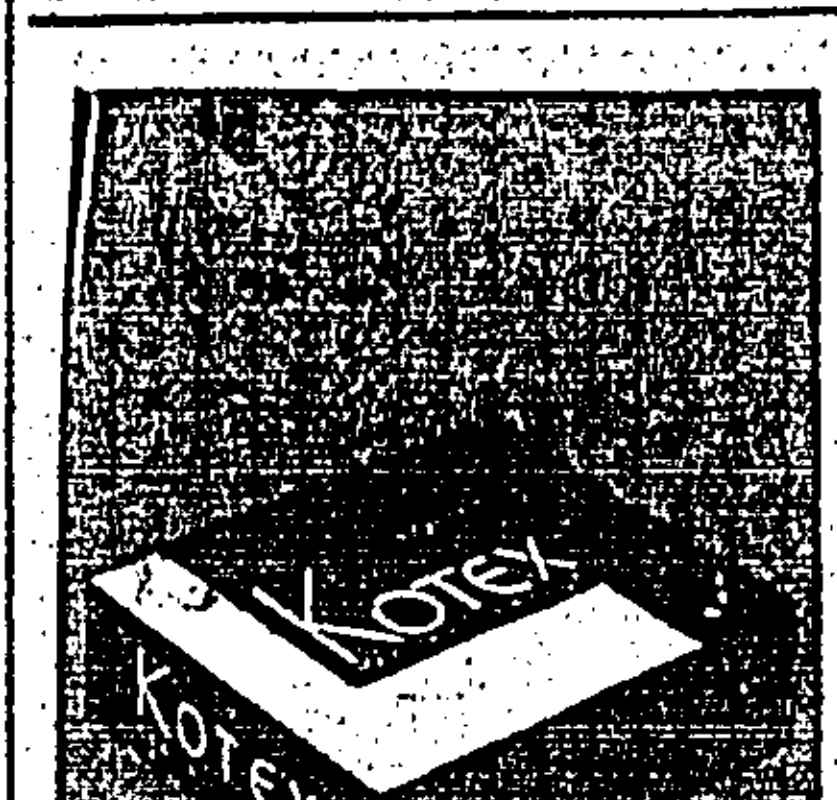


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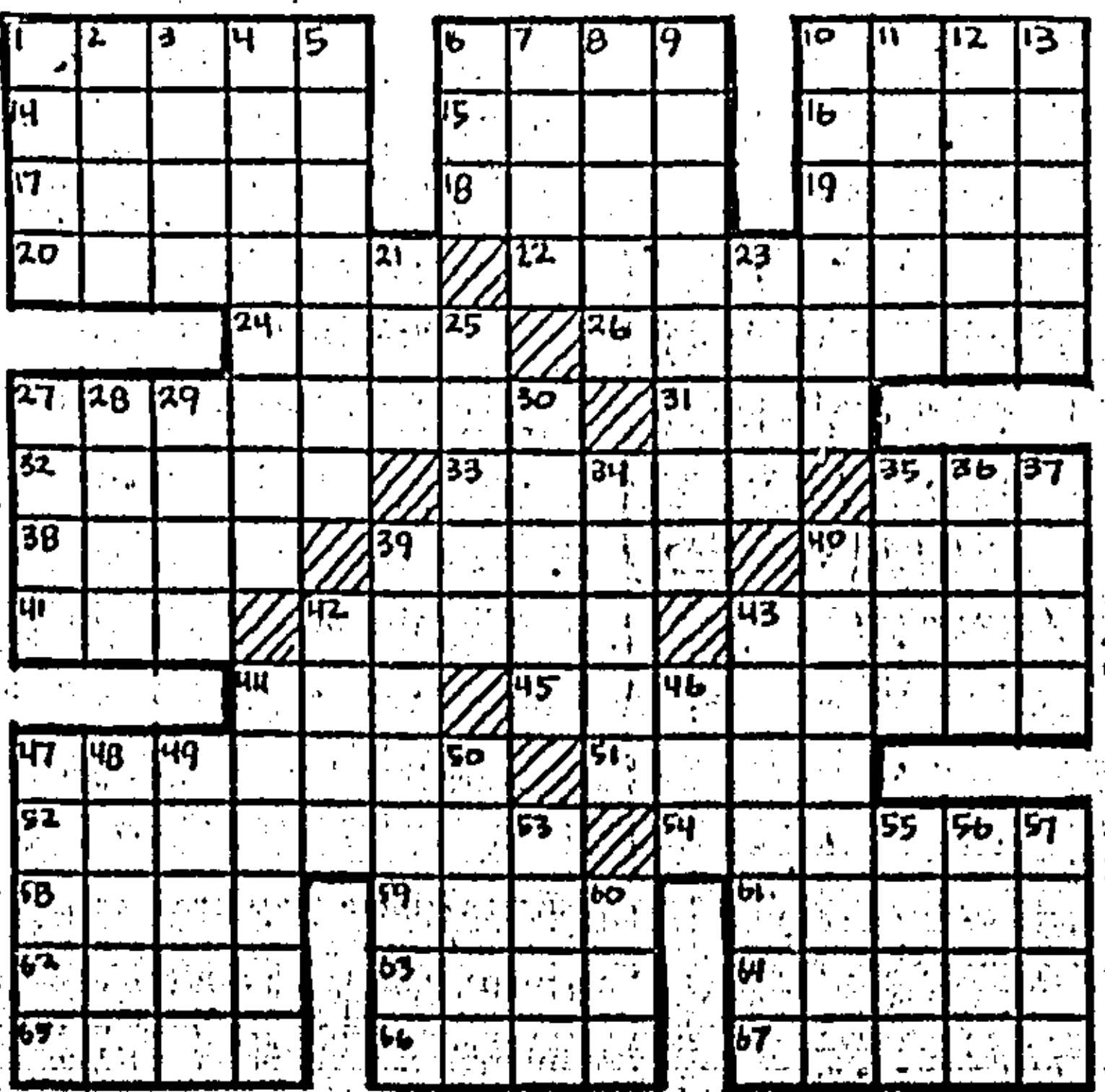
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Crossword Puzzle

By LARS MORRIS

ACROSS
1—Tumult
2—High mountains
3—Road back
4—Banishment from home
5—Kind of rubber
6—Flooding material
7—Principle
8—Lava
9—Nine exit
10—Oliver prominence to
11—Mischiefvous prank
12—Day of week
13—Put to rest
14—Charged with crime
15—In hot
16—Torna's last name
17—Club used to baseball
18—Lurelaine organ
19—Mischiefvous
20—Till of sand
21—Entomology (abbr.)
22—Bring again to notice
23—Triangle-shaped Greek letter
24—Contender
25—Collect
26—Chryzoman
27—Animal with four cavities in stomach
28—Fervid
29—Mental image
30—Tubed
31—Of no significance

ANSWERS TO PREVIOUS PUZZLE
1—Clothing by vote
2—Green vegetable
3—Lettuce
4—Newspaper world
5—Authoritative
6—Contrition
7—Pertaining to ocean
8—Omit in transcribing
9—Measurements
10—Put in place
11—Washed and redolent
12—Close automobile
13—Model
14—Jewelry
15—Part of speech
16—Litter
17—Charged like crow
18—Present container for electric light
19—Rip
20—Admission of all lines
21—Disproportion
22—Color of horse
23—Ground belonging to estate
24—Quaint to case abate
25—Foolish discourse
26—End of ruminant
27—Alter for better
28—Assume
29—Itelate
30—River in Germany
31—Ruminant with antlers
32—Whole



Bare Fists That Fight Hitler

By HAROLD A. ALBERT

Thousands of men in Europe are fighting Hitler with bare fists. They are Britain's secret allies in the fight for freedom.

They are the Czechs who steal essential machine parts and compel factories to stand idle, the Frenchmen who slow up Hitler's New Order with half-day strikes, the oil workers who blow up precious Rumanian reserves, the ex-members of the trade unions of the occupied territories who dissolved their organisations rather than submit to Nazi ends.

In Holland and Norway, as the invaders marched in, local T. U. officials destroyed the lists of members, and burned the documents and books. When the Nazis launched their own controlled organisations, they refused to join or signed on only in order to wage war from within.

In France 50 trade unions actually staged an anti-Nazi, anti-Potain demonstration at Toulouse, and organised shipyard strikes and disturbances from Dunkirk to Marseilles. And that was only the beginning.

Since then the reports of sabotage, slow work and even open strikes flowing through underground channels of information to the H.Q. of the International Transport Workers' Federation have mounted till they present a cumulative effect of open warfare.

When the waterworks engineers of Warsaw went on strike in July, it took only the Gestapo to effect a decision. When the coalminers of Liege stubbornly came out against a Nazi wage deduction of 29 per cent., threats of transfer to concentration camps in Germany were necessary to get them back on the job.

Recently members of the Nazi organised German minority at Podbrezova joined Slovakian workers in a strike for fairer wages. Order this time was restored only by a threat to close all the shops in the region, starving the strikers' wives and children.

The storm spreads inside Germany itself. The labour authorities are facing a serious problem in factory workers on piece rates who play truant once they have earned a subsistence wage.

On the railways, slow work and passive resistance have reached the pitch where goods wagons stand idle two days in five. Absences of women have increased to eight per cent. of the working time.

Often these disarmed fighters risk imprisonment and even death. One woman went to prison for six months for staying away from work 57 days out of 144. A Brunswick worker was gaolled for nine months for putting sand in machinery. Fourteen Czechs attached to the Kolben-Danek faced

treason charges for "removing too much metal from aeroplane engines".

It may have been coincidence that looking taps led to the loss of the contents of five petrol tank cars, but 80 Czech railwaymen were arrested on sabotage charges.

Inevitably, casualties must occur in this war by civilians. Karl Gryzka, an 18-year-old Polish youth started forest fires, tried to derail a train loaded with military supplies, and faced an execution squad.

In Prague, Motodej Racek was sentenced to death for breaking into an armament factory under cover of the black-out, stealing driving belts and steel casting patterns and considerably delaying output.

Three other men, Josef Svoboda, Karek Chal and Jaromir Perka, were shot for stealing essential machinery parts and causing a factory to close down.

Their names, it is true, are difficult to the English tongue. Yet we should take some note of them. They are the martyrs of our day and age.

A group of people pledge themselves to eat as much as possible of unrationed food-stuffs, so as to diminish the stocks, or to smoke more heavily so that more tobacco has to be imported, using up valuable rail space.

A burly porter drops a valuable object of art downstairs and says it was too heavy for him. A Mayor pins a British leaflet on the village notice board with the inscription, "It is forbidden to pick these up".

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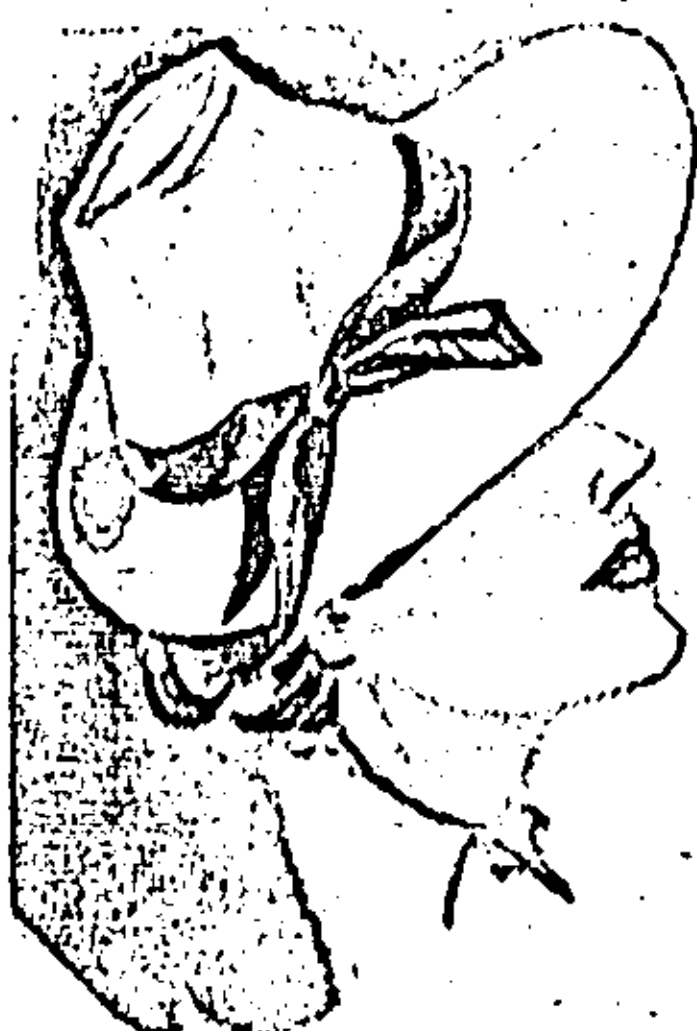
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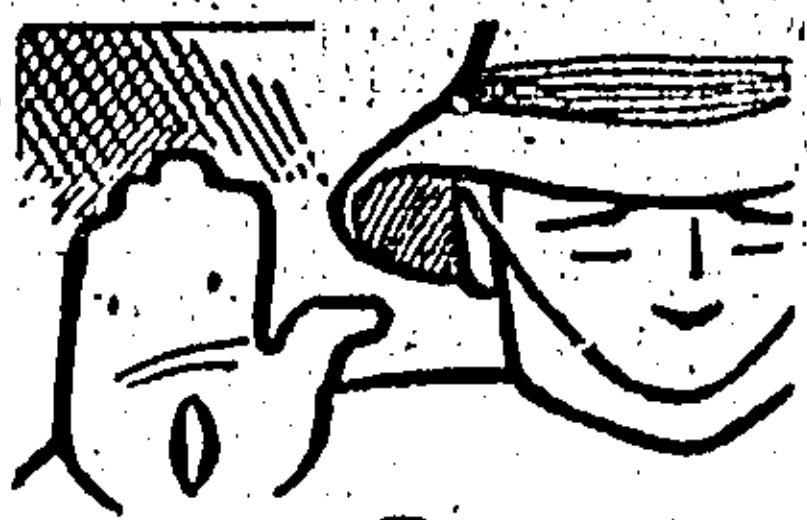
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11.30 p.m. Funeral will pass
Monument at 5.30 p.m. to-day.

The Hongkong Telegraph.

Thursday, June 26, 1941.

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ON THE WRONG SIDE

A LITTLE more than a year
ago, France stood shoulder
to shoulder with Britain in the war
for democracy against totalitar-
ianism. Then came the
catastrophe, the evacuation of
Dunkirk, the occupation of
Paris, and France passed under
a blackout for twelve months.
While Petain was master, though
he had no means of aiding the
Allied cause, still he was careful
not to injure it.

Now, France is emerging from
the darkness, but, unfortunately,
is emerging on the wrong side.
For months the Germans tried
to put Laval in the saddle and
so bring about the collaboration
they sought. Their attempt
was a failure. But in Admiral
Darlan they appear to have
found an instrument quite as
subservient as Laval and much
more effective. As the London
"Times" puts it: "There does
not appear any German demand,
however humiliating, which the
Vichy government in its present
mood can or will refuse. In
everything but name, Vichy is
joined to the Axis."

Horrible as it is to think of an
old friend turned traitor, there
is no blinking the fact any
longer. France, not because she
wishes, but under the force of
circumstances and under per-
verted leadership, is against us.
If Marshal Petain is still pro-
testing, his protests are no
longer audible. It is Darlan
who is in the saddle, now, and
Darlan and his satellites are
showing more enthusiasm and
more enterprise in collaborating
with Germany for the extinction
of France than they ever showed
in collaborating with Britain for
the defence of French liberties.

Admiral Darlan has two sub-
ordinates in Syria, General Jean-
Marie Bergerot, Vichy's air
minister, and General Dentz,
commander of the French forces.
Both are working in the German
interest. It is Dentz who is still
needlessly sacrificing life and
property in Syria by trying to
defy a victorious Anglo-Gaulle.

BRITISH ISLES STILL MAIN THEATRE OF WAR

— By —

MAJOR FIELDING ELIOT noted American military expert

IT becomes a little difficult (which is not to say that they
to see how any theatre may not also make efforts in
of this war could be of other theatres of operations).

greater interest than the

British Isles and their

waters of approach and ac-

cess, and how anyone could

fail to see that no matter

what happens in the Middle

or Far East, the war will

not be won by Germany un-

less Britain is overwhelmed;

and that Britain will not

be overwhelmed while the

sea line between North

America and the British

Isles remains open.

The fact is that, consider-

ing this war as a struggle to

preserve the free way of

life which has been our

heritage and of which the

English speaking race has

been the principal architect

for ages, the military situa-

tion becomes simple indeed

when objectively studied,

with this premise in mind.

Obviously, North Ameri-

ca becomes the arsenal and

Britain the fighting spear-

head; these roles are

geographically dictated.

This is not to say that

Americans should work and

Britons fight; but that in

one area the principal acti-

vity must be production, in

the other, fighting.

Germany has no secure

arsenal which cannot be

reached by bombs. This

grievous disadvantage to

Germany is increased by the

fact that American produc-

tive capacity, once it is

geared to war require-

ments, is far greater than

that of the Continent of

Europe. Add to it Britain's

production, diminished

though this may be, and

Germany seems certain to

be outmatched in a war of

machines — provided she

does not, before that time,

overwhelm the advanced

fighting base, the island of

Britain, on which our abili-

ty to injure her depends.

It is as simple as that.

But the fact which leaps

instantly to the eye is the

imperative need for main-

taining communications be-

tween the arsenal and the

fighting base. If these can

be severed, the base must

eventually find itself in seri-

ous straits, just as any out-

post must do when its sup-

ply line is cut.

Upon the severance of the

supply lines the Germans are

directing their best efforts

army. He is not only a tool of

the Nazis, but a vain and stupid

one.

Vichy has in fact become very

nearly an all-out enemy.

fact such as the amount of ton-
nage laid up and undergoing re-
pair. Neither Americans nor
Britons will flee from danger
which they can know and men-
sure.

If the American people are
frankly told the exact dimen-
sions of the problem they are
asked to solve, they will solve
it. They will not be appalled.
They are not quitters.

But now they are confused: a
confusion which is deliberately
added to and nursed by the com-
mon enemy and by our own de-
feats and isolationists.

Full, clear, simply stated
facts from London would be
like a bracing dash of fresh cold
water to a weary man.

Let the workman in Clevel-
land be told of the sinking of
the aeroplane parts he has la-
boured for three months to
make. He will not despair nor
go on strike. He will be ex-
ceedingly angry and will make
his anger felt in the best way
he can find—by making more
and better aeroplane parts, and
by insisting that his Govern-
ment see that the second con-
signment is delivered.

For the moment the issue in
this main theatre of the war
hangs very largely on the time-
liness and effect with which
American naval and air aid can
be brought to bear on it.

The Iraq revolt appears, as I
suggested, to have received
little real support among the
Iraqi population or from other
Moslem countries. The likeli-
hood of a widespread Arab
movement in favour of the Axis
now seems remote.

Reinforcements, including
convoy through the Mediter-
ranean, continue to reach
Egypt, the Axis position in
Libya becomes more question-
able almost hourly. Spain has
still to be kept in mind as possi-
bly "Hitler's next move," but
from these distant scenes the
eyes of the observer must turn
back to the battle of the Atlan-
tic—the battle of transportation
which must be won in order
that the fruits of certain victory
in the battle of production may
be reaped.—(M.I.)

THE BIBLE IN BASIC ENGLISH

By Hugh Redwood

"And the light goes on shin-
ing in the dark; it is not over-
come by the dark."

"Parties Like Cocktails" BLEND YOUR GUESTS

—says Elsa

Running a party is like mix-
ing a cocktail, says Elsa Max-
well, the jolly hostess whose
parties are famous in Europe as
well as America.

"There is something unusual,
something charming in every
human being," she says. "You
have to find that something in
every guest and then blend what
you have. Only you must blend
judiciously.

"You should make your parties
personal. Get people to talk
about themselves. Everyone
loves doing that whether they
admit it or not.

"If they don't talk about
themselves it means they are
not sufficiently at home."

Miss Maxwell has a cure for
the guest who does not enter in-
to the spirit of a party. She
hands him (or her) a book and
says:

"Take this to bed with you.
You are not enjoying this party
and I'm not enjoying you. Good
night!"

"In most cases they snap out
of it and join in with the rest.
If they don't, well just let them
go."

How did she learn to run parties?
Well, you have to go back
to the time when Elsa was mix-
ing with a young theatrical set
in London—Noel Coward, Bea-
trice Lillie, Gertrude Lawrence,
and others.

They were invited to a recep-
tion to meet Queen Mary. There
she met Princess Beatrice, who
took a great liking to her. Elsa
had only 17 shillings and six-
pence but she decided to ask
Princess Beatrice to her little
flat.

"The theatrical folk came with
us. I could not afford much—
just a few sandwiches, some
hard-boiled eggs and beer. But
the guests went for it in a big
way."

"Princess Beatrice said: 'This
is one of the loveliest parties I've
ever known.' You make things
go with a swing!"

"I began wondering if I
make others as happy as I made
the Princess. I gave another
party and I've been giving them
ever since."

GRIN AND BEAR IT By Lichty



"Let's go in!—I don't think you visualize me in it!"

This rendering of the fami-
liar words of the Fourth Gospel
("And the light shineth in
darkness; and the darkness com-
prehended it not"—John 1:
5) is a fair sample of the new
translation of the Bible into
Basic English.

The work is so far advanced
that the Basic New Testament
will be available for the public
presently. It is being published
jointly by the Cambridge Uni-
versity Press and Messrs Evans
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event," is the view which the
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versity Press take of its issue
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in the reading of verse.

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perts have watched over the
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LENINGRAD REPORTED AFIRE: BIG CLASH EXPECTED SOON

Leningrad & Its History

Leningrad is reported to be in flames in consequence of force attacks by German planes carrying incendiary bombs. Here is a short history of that amazing city, second capital of the Russian Empire.

Leningrad has been three cities in 20 years. In 1914 it was called—

PETERSBURG. City of Peter the Great, second capital of the mighty Russian Empire, and ranked with Paris and Vienna as one of the world's great cities.

Its rulers are the courtiers, the powerful Grand Dukes, the emperors and admirals who make up the Tsar's glittering court.

You can see them, these noblemen, in their over-long smart frockcoats, pebble-top hats, jaunty canes, gazing haughtily from the windows of their motor-cars—the latest thing from London or Paris—as they drive along the Nevsky Prospect towards the Winter Palace.

It is like Rome in the last decadent days of the mighty Roman Empire.

In the gloomy Peter Paul Fortress, standing on an island in the river Neva, in the heart of the city, languish political prisoners. The Imperial police are on the alert, they have their spies in the University where the intellectuals are known to be fomenting rebellion against the Tsar, whispering of the corruption of the Court and the influence of a sinister priest named Rasputin among the people who lack food and fuel.

Despite the rigorous oppression of the police, the Petersburgers had their multitudes and bloody riots. Then comes the Great War, and the city is now called—**PETIOGRAD.** The great Russian "steamroller" is put into operation against Germany. Whipped up into a frenzy of patriotism, the Petersburgers demand that the German name of their city shall be changed.

But the first fine patriotic frenzy dies, the gay city becomes gloomier and gloomier as reports of crushing defeats are brought back. Distress increases, food grows shorter.

And unrest in the city increases too. The revolutionary movement grows. Even the nobles, rise against Rasputin and assassinate him, pushing his body into the frozen Neva.

Then in 1917 comes the moment. The Russian Revolution has begun. The next day the garrison mutinies and the people take over the Government.

A few weeks later a train draws into the Finlyandsky Station. It has come across Germany from Switzerland and brings to it Lenin, the revolutionary leader who has been in exile.

For some months he remains in hiding in the capital of the new Republic until in October comes the Bolshevik revolution. It is in Leningrad that it is to become known as his name city.

And what of Leningrad to-day? Few have known or would tell what has been going on within its historic walls, for the Soviet Government made it a forbidden city. Its docks and harbours, it is known, have been made into a great naval base.

But secrecy has surrounded this forbidden zone. Nearly four years ago foreign diplomats were asked to leave. Nearly four years ago Leningrad became Soviet Russia's Number One Military Secret.

REPORTS OF THE FIGHTING ON THE WIDE FRONT FROM THE BALTIC TO THE BLACK SEA CONTINUE TO BE FRAGMENTARY AND IT IS IMPOSSIBLE TO PRESENT A COMPLETE PICTURE AT THE PRESENT. THE FOLLOWING ARE THE IMPORTANT FEATURES OF TO-DAY'S PRESS DISPATCHES.

"REUTER" QUOTES A REPORT FROM HELSINKI WHICH WAS BROADCAST BY THE ROME RADIO THAT LENINGRAD IS SAID TO BE ABLAZE AND THAT CLOUDS OF SMOKE CAN BE SEEN COMING FROM THE CITY.

"United Press" repeats a Radio Moscow announcement of a report from a Russian war correspondent at the front which declares that in the early hours of Tuesday morning enemy troops under cover of fog, crossed a wide river (location not stated) in ton barges. They failed in their attempt to surprise the Russian defenders, who waited until the Germans were close and then poured a withering fire into the attackers. Most of the Germans were killed and those who remained were taken prisoner, including two officers.

From Stockholm, "Reuter" reports that the Russians are withdrawing to their old defence works on the other side of the River Dneister, but that the advancing Germans are hampering them in taking up their positions.

NAZI AIR FORCE VERSUS TANKS

LONDON, June 25 (Reuter).—The predominance of aerial warfare at this stage of the German campaign against Russia emerges from to-day's semi-official German reports of fighting which mention air attacks on Russian communications and air support for ground forces.

The official German agency claims that bombers and fighters of one air squadron on the eastern front destroyed 180 Russian tanks.

The same agency, in a review of the third day's operations on the eastern front, reports that heavy attacks were directed by German bombers against Russian railway tracks and rolling stock.

At one point, it is claimed, six trains loaded with troops or vehicles were attacked and the destruction of 17 locomotives by the air force is claimed.

Ground Forces

Referring to operation with the ground forces, the agency adds: "Air force operation on the eastern front intervened in ground battles in great force and smoothed the way for the land troops by breaking enemy resistance. Bombers attacked enemy tanks wherever they showed themselves. Troop concentrations on the whole front were bombed and machine-gunned with great success and supply columns were exterminated, blocking many roads with wreckage."

The same report speaks of reconnaissance by aircraft which also dealt powerful blows to communications in the rear of the enemy.

South-Eastern Front

LONDON, June 25 (Reuter).—The following communiqué was issued to-day by the General Command on the German-Rumanian front, according to a Bucharest dispatch to the official Italian news agency:

"Operations during the first three days have proceeded according to plans established in advance. German attempts by the enemy to counter-attack were repulsed.

"Enemy aviation yesterday made an intensive bombardment of Constantza, Sulina and Galatz, and dropped several bombs on Tulcea, Braila and Jassy, but without causing any damage of importance."

Remarkable

"Our aircraft bombed important military objectives obtaining everywhere remarkable results."

"German and Rumanian aviation have demonstrated in the past three days their crushing superiority over enemy aviation, destroying 400 enemy machines. Out of this total, 30 Soviet planes were destroyed by German and Rumanian aircraft."

"The German and Rumanian air force, and 40 machines were destroyed on the ground by the Rumanian air force which lost a total of 12 machines."

Subscriptions To Wartime Bonds

The campaign soliciting subscriptions to the Chinese Military Supply Bonds is proceeding apace and more than NC\$15,000,000 worth of the bonds is expected to be subscribed by the end of July, according to a responsible official of the Hongkong Chinese Wartime Bonds Committee, says "Central News."

More than 500 units of local Chinese public organisations have been mobilised for promoting the campaign.

The Committee yesterday received a letter from the China Benevolent Association in Lethbridge, Canada, enclosing a remittance order for \$115,000, Chinese Currency for the purchase of Bonds.

The Chinese Manufacturers' Union here has solicited subscriptions of \$157,000.

Death Of Mr J. B. Gutierrez

The death occurred suddenly last night of Mr Joao Baptista Gutierrez, aged 61, a member of a well-known Portuguese family.

The late Mr Gutierrez, who was of a quiet disposition, was founder of the now defunct firm of J. B. Gutierrez and Co., 61, 63, 65, 67, 69, 71, 73, 75, 77, 79, 81, 83, 85, 87, 89, 91, 93, 95, 97, 99, 101, 103, 105, 107, 109, 111, 113, 115, 117, 119, 121, 123, 125, 127, 129, 131, 133, 135, 137, 139, 141, 143, 145, 147, 149, 151, 153, 155, 157, 159, 161, 163, 165, 167, 169, 171, 173, 175, 177, 179, 181, 183, 185, 187, 189, 191, 193, 195, 197, 199, 201, 203, 205, 207, 209, 211, 213, 215, 217, 219, 221, 223, 225, 227, 229, 231, 233, 235, 237, 239, 241, 243, 245, 247, 249, 251, 253, 255, 257, 259, 261, 263, 265, 267, 269, 271, 273, 275, 277, 279, 281, 283, 285, 287, 289, 291, 293, 295, 297, 299, 301, 303, 305, 307, 309, 311, 313, 315, 317, 319, 321, 323, 325, 327, 329, 331, 333, 335, 337, 339, 341, 343, 345, 347, 349, 351, 353, 355, 357, 359, 361, 363, 365, 367, 369, 371, 373, 375, 377, 379, 381, 383, 385, 387, 389, 391, 393, 395, 397, 399, 401, 403, 405, 407, 409, 411, 413, 415, 417, 419, 421, 423, 425, 427, 429, 431, 433, 435, 437, 439, 441, 443, 445, 447, 449, 451, 453, 455, 457, 459, 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Japanese Architect Indignant

Jun Yamada, one of the best dwelling house architects in Japan, has closed down his office because he found continuance of his business impossible because of the building materials shortage and because of his repugnance of its accompanying illegal deals.

He has already discharged more than 50 carpenters and workmen and more than 10 office workers in his employment. Interviewed recently he spoke at his home at Shotocho, Shibuya-ku, Tokyo, as follows: "I have been in dwelling house architecture business since 1917 and was responsible for the plans of more than 1,000 houses. Although I consider the shortage building materials inevitable because Japan is engaged in a large-scale war. I cannot but be indignant at the rampant illegal transactions. When every hastily built house of bad materials requires between ¥150 and ¥200 per tatami (4 square meters) as at present, I cannot continue to make good house honestly. In my opinion, it is up to the Government to distribute materials on a fair basis for solving the problem fundamentally."

Mongolian Rice Land Expanded

PEIPING.—Vast reclamation projects to expand rice cultivation are making progress in Honan Province and in Inner Mongolia. Honan, which is also an important cotton producer, is working on the reclamation of 60,000 acres as part of the construction of a network of waterways and flood prevention works. In Inner Mongolia, large tracts are to be reclaimed in the vicinity of Paotow, likewise for rice land. Water will be diverted from the Yellow River for irrigation.

Sale of Chinese Works of Art

Sotheby's concluded recently a three-day sale of the late Mr. H. K. Burnet's collection of Chinese works of art for a total of £6,131. The highest price, £370, was given for a Shang-Yin Dynasty bronze Ting of circular shape, with two loop handles, supported on three cylindrical legs, boldly decorated in high relief with 'ao' fish masks or a ground of thunder fret with black inlay, the legs with engraved dentate ornament, and an archaic character in the interior. A Chou Dynasty finely patinated bronze wine vessel of beaker shape made £230.



Mr. George C. Lau, who will take a leading part in the Chinese opera, "Si Han," to be presented at the Tai Ping Theatre to-night under the auspices of the Hong Kong Chinese Women's Soldiers' Relief Association. He will also appear in "The Three Kingdoms," to be given to-morrow evening.

R. A. Pictures Down By Half

Only half the number of all paintings submitted last year was handed in at the Royal Academy for the Summer Exhibition.

One of them, "Hitler in Hell," by 21-year-old Kenneth Snowman, of Hampstead, has been submitted twice before, and accepted, but the Hanging Committee was unable to find space for it.

It shows Hitler lying naked on a stone swastika, his head resting unwearyingly on a book exuding blood, with a demon about to push him into a fiery pit. Some of Hitler's satellites are being pushed into the pit surrounded by snakes.

No Censorship

Most of the pictures sent in are peaceful landscapes, still life and flower subjects, and portraits. The exhibition will not be subject to censorship, an official stated, but artists who have painted war scenes have had to obtain permits and to submit their work to the Censor individually.

Black Bourse For Timber: £500 Fine

Described by prosecuting counsel as "a ringleader of a sort of Black Bourse for timber in London," Moses D. Goldman, of Brick Lane, Bethnal Green, was fined a total of £500 at Old Street recently and ordered to pay £105 costs.

He had been summoned as a director of Baltimore Lumber Company, Ltd., which was slated to have disposed of timber to purchasers not licensed by the Minister of Supply. Twenty summonses against the company were withdrawn.

Defending counsel said Goldman wanted to put his creditors right, and lost his head to save the business.

American Red Cross Record

Huge Relief Sums

WASHINGTON, June 25 (Reuter).—The American Red Cross has spent over \$18,000,000 and the United States Government over \$16,000,000 on war relief for Britain, Belgium, Canada, China, Finland, France, Greece, the Netherlands, Norway, Poland, Spain, Switzerland and Yugo-Slavia.

Almost half of this has been for the British, declared Mr. Laurence Mitchell, of the American Red Cross, in his testimony to the House Appropriations Sub-Committee.

Mr. Mitchell said that no instance had been reported of any diversion or confiscation of supplies.

Eleven of 360 ships carrying supplies to Britain had been lost at sea. One shipload for Greece had also been lost.

STOCK MARKET REPORT

Hongkong Stock Exchange Official Summary, issued yesterday, is:

Buyers

Bank of East Asia \$72
Indo-China (Pref) \$80
Docks \$15.25
Hotels \$3
Lands \$31.75
Chinese Estates X.D. \$96
Trains \$16.40
Lights "N" \$1.30
Lights "R" 30 cts
Electricity "O" X. Rts \$21.75
Electricity Rts \$11
Telephones "O" \$22.25
Cements \$14
Ropes \$7.75
Watsons \$10.20
Entertainment \$0.30

Sellers

Providents \$5.50
Watsons \$10.40

Sales

Docks \$15.30
Providents \$5.50
Lights "O" \$6
Electricity Rts \$11
Cements \$14.25
Ropes \$8
Watsons \$10.25

Grievance Over Lost Sea Kit

An effort is being made by the Mercantile Marine Service Association to secure for merchant ships' officers and men better scales of compensation and allowances for kit lost through war hazards.

The loss of kit, particularly of instruments, cannot be replaced at a cost less than about double the compensation received, it is stated. Many men have to spend pounds they can ill afford to re-equip themselves for another voyage.

The Government is giving the matter consideration.

What Children Dream About in War-Time

Children's war-time dreams are being collected as evidence of the effects of air-raids.

In a Laddington school, 250 boys and girls between 8 and 14 years have been describing their dreams of the night before as part of their daily class-work in English.

Results were so significant that the headmaster, Mr. J. W. Ruddock, decided to record and study them.

"The dreams show that life in war-time London has had only a transitory effect on the children," he said.

"They treat the worst dangers objectively and even defiantly, and such incidents as leaving home because of time-bombs they take in their stride like a visit to an aunt."

Thrilling Deeds

Only nine boys and 20 girls had dreams involving fear. The boys' bogey was a lion, burglar or ghost. The girls' bogey was a German paratrooper.

Only 10 per cent. dreamed about air-raids. Actually, this proportion was smaller because the dreams were mostly about fire-bombs, and fire is a normal subject of dreams.

Most of the boys dreamed of thrilling war deeds. The great majority dreamed of being in the R.A.F., piloting bombers over Germany. Not a boy dreamed of being in the Army.

—And Then The V.C.

Here is a typical boy's dream: "I got on the tail of four Germans, destroyed two, sending the third down out of control. The other got away. All the crews baled out safely. My engine went off. I got on to the wing and jumped. I counted three, pulled the rip-cord and got back to the base safely. And I was awarded the V.C."

Girls sought escape in fairyland or far-distant countries. Older girls had dreams of evacuation to romantic homes.

There were only a few dreams about food.

"This indicates there is no shortage of food," explained Mr. Ruddock. "When I asked a class how many children would be willing to do fire watching they jumped out of their seats with excitement and every hand flew into the air."

Wounded War Prisoners

Repatriation Sought

A way of repatriating badly-wounded British and German war prisoners is being sought by the International Red Cross. Men to be repatriated will be those so injured that they cannot fight again.

German prisoners in Britain are being examined by a special Commission. They will decide which wounded may be sent home.

A similar Commission is at work among British prisoners in Germany.

"Not An Exchange"

A War Office official said recently: "Any prisoners claiming that by reason of their injuries they are permanently non-combatant may ask for repatriation."

"When a route and transport has been agreed upon, the men recommended by the doctors will go. The return of prisoners, it is stressed, will be repatriation, not exchange."

A Red Cross official said that the chief difficulty is that of transport.

After Switzerland?

"The Germans can easily put British wounded into Switzerland, but transport after that is causing some worry and we have not yet planned transport for Germans. Nothing can be done until this question is settled."

No German prisoners in Canada are to be repatriated.

"They are the healthiest, fittest of the German prisoners and have therefore no claim under International Law."

Britain Will Benefit

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

WASHINGTON, June 25 (UP).—At the press conference to-day, Colonel Frank Knox, Secretary of the Navy, declared that the United States and Britain would benefit from a prolongation of the war due to the Russo-German conflict, particularly if the Russian armies insure a stalemate by backing away and drawing the German armies into Russia. He asserted that he personally believed, however, that if the Russian attack all on resistance at the border, it might prove to be a short war. He cited the inexhaustible manpower of the Russians and said that the world had an object lesson in China where "Japan is exhausting herself."

The Secretary stated that the German fleet cannot make a play-ground out of the Baltic until she hunts down about 70 Russian submarines.

CENSORS 'CREATE MISTRUST'

Attempts by Government Departments to minimise bad news about the war were referred to at the annual conference of the National Union of Journalists in Manchester.

Mr. Ernest Hunter, in his presidential address, criticised the Service departments of the Censorship Bureau.

The foolish attempts by the Ministry of Home Security and the Air Ministry to hide the extent of casualties in air raids could not, he said, be defended.

They created distrust and ought to stop.

A possible danger, in view of the newspaper shortage, added Mr. Hunter, was that some bright genius might evolve the idea of only one newspaper to tell the nation the news.

Free To Criticise

But a varied Press, free to argue and criticise, was part of the essence of our national case in this war.

The conference, while dissociating itself from the "defeatist and subversive propaganda of 'The Daily Worker,'" passed a resolution protesting against the method of the paper's suppression.

The conference unanimously elected Mr. Tom Foster, a member of the staff of the "Daily Herald," as president of the union for 1941-42. Mr. Donald Elliott, of Edinburgh, becomes vice-president.

CHURCH'S CURE FOR "INSOLENT BUREAUCRATS"

"The insolence of power is a subtle poison and embitters even the services of the benignant Ministry. To the average bureaucrat the poor are not immortal souls or sons of God. At the best they are interesting cases; at the worst a mass of statistics or confounded nuisances."

So said Mr. Philip Milner, Oliver, of Manchester, in his presidential address to the General Assembly of Unitarian and Free Christian Churches at Oxford recently.

"The medieval Church had a corrective for such insolence," Mr. Oliver added. "Her great ones washed the feet of beggars. The practice might be revived, and the feet of the poor be washed by our Civil Servants."

Beautiful, Dangerous

He also said the war was a war not of the cold and arrogant Prussian as in 1914 but of the romantic South from which Germany's leaders came.

Romanticism was a beautiful but dangerous thing. It bred saints or devils. The narrow streets of its Gothic cities, bright in the sunshine, were sinister in shadow.

One day it painted a lovely Madonna, the next it planned a pogrom of the Jews.

Film Libraries Plan For Schools

Establishment of regional film libraries throughout the country after the war is recommended by the British Film Institute in a report on the use of educational films in schools.

These libraries, it is argued, would create a constant demand for new film prints. The report states that 80 per cent. of North of England schools equipped with film projectors had not used them for the last 12 months and 50 per cent. had been idle for the past 18 months. The reason was that they could not afford the hiring fees charged by commercial film libraries.

MANSLAUGHTER CHARGE

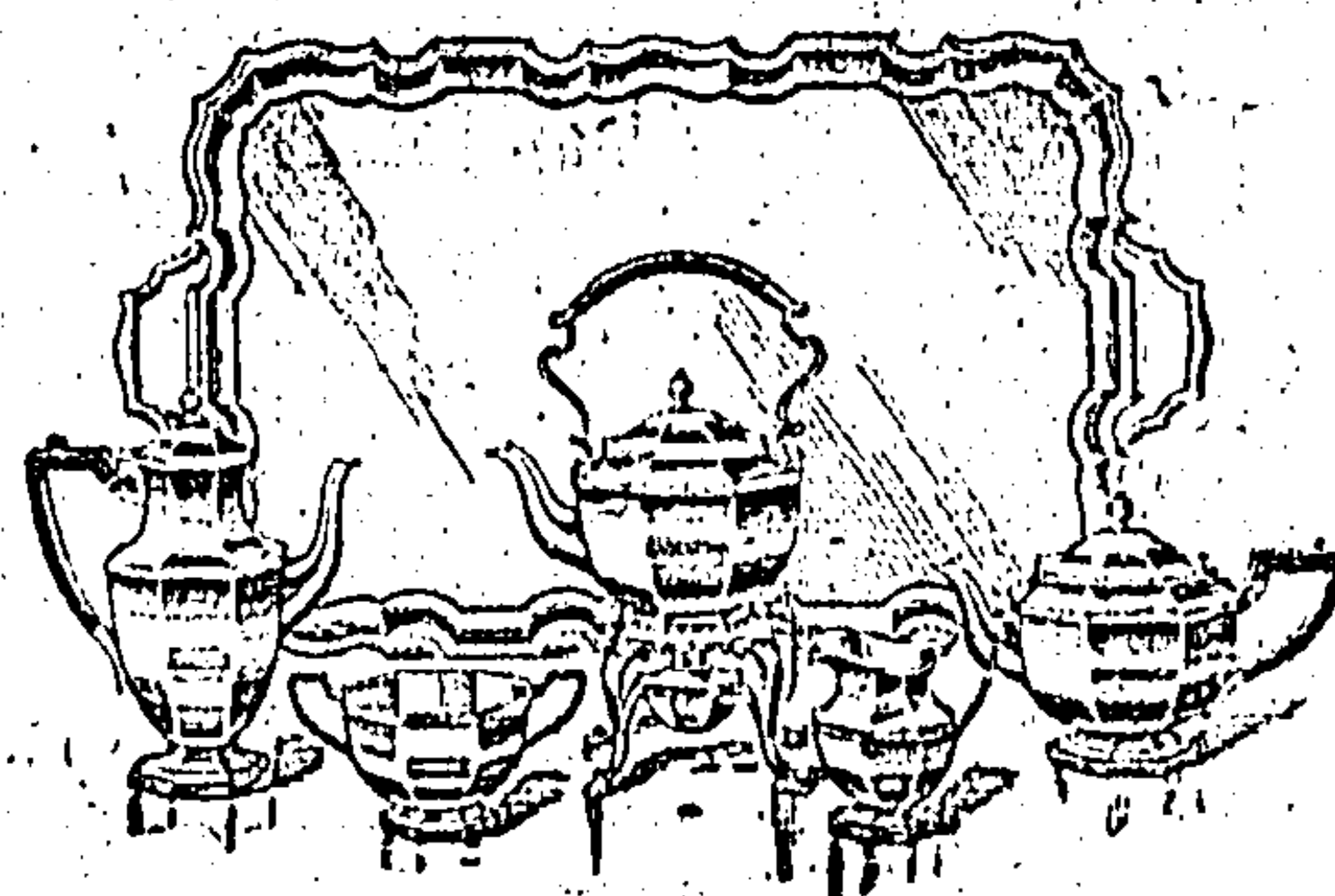
Chan Ng, 62, unemployed was charged before Mr. H. G. Sheldon, J.C., with the manslaughter of Chan Sing-kuu, at the Whitty Street works of the Hongkong and China Gas Company on June 14.

Hearing of the case was fixed for July 9, at 2.30 p.m. Defendant was allowed bail of \$100.

Sub-Inspector Hyton is in charge of the case.

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Tanks And Planes Get To Grips:

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Luftwaffe on Wednesday "destroyed many planes which were grounded in air battles. Many airports in the interior of Russia were attacked day and night and the bombings caused interruptions to railways. Direct bomb hits were scored on motorised and mixed columns, tank concentrations and field depots."

German Geography

BERLIN, June 25 (UP).—The authorised German military spokesman, in an interview with foreign correspondents, to-night perhaps significantly pointed out the following geographical facts in connection with the eastern front: first, that Odessa is 160 kilometers from the Rumanian coast; second, that Kiev is only 350 kilometers from Rumania by air; third, Leningrad is 130 kilometers from Finland and fourth, that the aerial distance from the middle part of the front from Warsaw to Moscow is only 1,150 kilometers. The spokesman would not enlarge on his statement.

He stated that German forces with their allies crossed the eastern frontiers everywhere and in some places surprisingly deep. He described the Luftwaffe offensive and said that the battle against the Red air force was the greatest feat, adding that the Luftwaffe had already achieved and secured air superiority. He reiterated that the Soviet troops, despite tough resistance, were unable to stem the German offensive.

Plane Losses

NEW YORK, June 25 (UP).—The Russian Radio French language broadcast as heard by the National Broadcasting Company claimed that Russian planes and anti-aircraft guns had shot down 27 German planes. It admitted the loss of 17 Russian planes.

Vichy Forecast

VICHY, June 25 (UP).—Russia was estimated by French war writers to-night to have lost a minimum of 1,200 out of 1,800 destroyed in combat or on the ground during the first three days of fighting as the German General Staff seeks to destroy the Russian sector nearest the western frontiers.

The same sources estimated that the loss in tanks exceeds 500, with 180 destroyed in a single sector where they sought to halt the German panzer divisions in a direct tank battle.

Joint Communique

BUCHAREST, June 25 (UP).—A German-Rumanian General Staff communique states, "In the first three days the operations have proceeded according to plan. A few enemy counter-attacks were repulsed. Enemy aviation heavily bombed Constantza, Sulina and Galatz and dropped many bombs on Tulcea, Mirla and Iassy without any important effect."

"Our air force attacked military objectives everywhere and scored appreciable results. During the air activity of the last few days the German-Rumanian air force achieved categorical superiority by destroying 400 enemy planes, of which 70 were destroyed by Rumanians. We lost twelve planes."

Oil Installation Safe

BUCHAREST, June 25 (UP).—Standard Oil officials told the "United Press" to-day that the big oil installations at Constantza were practically undamaged when Soviet planes attempted to bomb them.

Parliament Meets

BERLIN, June 25 (Reuter).—The Finnish Parliament met in a secret session at 7 o'clock to-night, states a Helsinki despatch. After an hour the session was adjourned.

It was resumed at 9.30 p.m. and was still in progress two hours later.

LATE NEWS

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Income Tax To Be Considered

H.E. the Governor addressed members of the Legislative Council this afternoon on the War Taxation Ordinance, when he said:

Honourable members: Before calling upon the Honourable the Financial Secretary to move the second reading of the bill to amend the War Revenue Ordinance I wish to mention one important point in it, upon which I regret that I failed to touch when I spoke on the subject on May 29.

It will not have escaped notice that the bill still provides only two rates of taxation, the lower of which recognises that the lowest taxable incomes cannot afford to pay the full rate, the result being that all other incomes, however great, are taxed at the rate which is considered to be fair to the business which earns a profit exceeding \$50,000 p.a. and to the salaried individual who earns anything more than \$5,000 p.a. after deduction of due allowances.

Fulfilling Obligations
Quite obviously this crude grading does not completely fulfil the Colony's obligations as a unit of the British Empire in war time, and equally obviously we are in duty bound to see that those obligations are so fulfilled.

For this inadequacy of the present measure I myself take the responsibility. By the time I had returned to the Colony and had been able to look round at the reconstituted War Revenue Committee was well on the way to its conclusions and in view of the War Taxation Department's need for a statute on which to assess and collect during the current year, I decided not to add to the Committee's consideration of reference any instruction to consider the addition of higher basic or super-tax rates. That would have meant a delay that would have held the Department up seriously.

Income Tax.
The preferable course of action appeared to be to get the amended War Revenue Ordinance on to the statute-book and then to appoint a committee of very similar composition to consider the advisability either of re-enacting the 1942-43 War Revenue taxes by the Income Tax, supplemented possibly by an Excess Profits Tax, or, alternatively, of developing the rate scales of the War Revenue Ordinance so as to tax higher profits and salaries according to their full ability to pay. This I may say is my present intention.

13 Nazi Planes Downed

LONDON, June 25 (UP).—The air Ministry announced that a total of 13 Messerschmitts were shot down during two sweeps over northern France. In the second sweep, the aerodrome at Longueville near Saint Omer was attacked, where the hangars and buildings were hit.

One bomber is missing in addition to five British fighters during the two sweeps.

Since June 11 in daylight sweeps over German-occupied territory, the German losses have been 141 and the R.A.F. 42. In night attacks on Germany and German-occupied territory the R.A.F. lost 43 and the Germans one. In German night attacks on Britain, the Germans lost 25 and the R.A.F. nothing. In daylight raids on Britain the Germans lost seven and the R.A.F. one.

Appointment Of Lady Assessor Queries

This afternoon the Hon. M. K. Lo gave notice that he would ask the following questions at the next meeting of the Legislative Council:

Will Government make a statement on the appointment of a lady assessor from England for the War Revenue Department with particular reference to the following points:

(1) In view of the evacuation why it was considered necessary to send a lady officer out from England to Hongkong?

(2) Whether any efforts were made to secure a suitable candidate locally or from among the evacuees?

Mr. M. K. Lo And War Taxation

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position of a firm consisting of two or more partners with children is more aggravated, the disadvantage being proportional to the number of partners. But, as the Hon. the Financial Secretary has pointed out, the reduction of exemption limit from \$10,000 to \$5,000 under the Profits Tax is to remove or reduce the temptation to evasion by splitting up businesses into two or more firms.

I feel that the disadvantages mentioned above must be regarded more or less as the consideration for treating firms as taxable entities. No taxing measure can be expected to give universal satisfaction, and I therefore do not propose to move any amendment in this matter to-day. But I do feel that this question should be reviewed in the light of the working of the tax during the coming year, and I reserve the right to bring up this question in due course.

Approves Increased Rates

The reasons which prompted the Reconstituted War Revenue Committee to recommend the basic rates of tax of 6 per cent. and 12 per cent. are fully set out in its Report. Your Excellency, speaking in this Council on May 29, stated that by way of general intensification of our war effort Government had decided that the general increase of the present rates should be 7 per cent. and 13 per cent.

Sir, I venture to think that there is not a single person in the Colony who does not agree heartily with Your Excellency's observations. I have no doubt that the general public will be gratified if, as the result of the increased basic rates, the Colony can be put in the position of making a more effective contribution to the war effort, but what I believe the general public to be anxious about is that: will the prospect of a substantial surplus accurately reflect the tenacity which is so much deplored by the public, of extravagant expenditure on the part of Government. I feel sure, Sir, that any assurance which Your Excellency can give that any surplus will be faithfully safeguarded and used only for the furtherance of the Colony's war effort, or for essential local services, will give general satisfaction.

Cheerful Burden

Whatever trials and tribulations may lie before this Colony we are, at the moment, living in security and comfort. It may therefore seem presumptuous on our part even to refer to the terrible ordeal which is being undergone by civilians in battered Britain, or to refer to the unparalleled heroism displayed by the fighting forces in the various theatres of war. But I know that everyone in the Colony feels these things deeply, and with such assurance from Your Excellency as I have indicated I am certain that the public of Hongkong will cheerfully bear the burden of increased rates.

ALLIED FORCES IN SYRIA

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injured when German planes bombed Damascus this morning.

Exodus From Syria
LONDON, June 25 (Reuter).—Four Vichy generals in Syria have been superseded by orders of the Vichy Government, states the Istanbul correspondent of the Independent French news agency.

The exodus from Syria continues, adds the correspondent, and some 150 Germans and Italians arrived in Istanbul from Syria yesterday.

Appeal To Berlin
ZURICH, June 25 (Reuter).—Otto Abetz, German Ambassador to France, has arrived in Berlin, according to the Berlin correspondent of "Die Tat." The aim of his visit, it is reported, is to inform the German Government in accordance with Vichy's wishes of "the exceptional deterioration" in the situation of the Vichy forces in Syria following the fall of Damascus.

French Lose South Syria
VICHY, June 25 (UP).—As a consequence of the loss of Meri Ayoun, the French are now wholly out of the South Syrian desert. The British column headed for Nebk and Homs has made some progress.

A seaman, Kilgour, has been reported missing from a British ship.

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Transit Of Troops Agreement
SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

STOCKHOLM, June 25 (UP).—The transit of German troops across Sweden was granted by agreement with Finland and Germany; however the agreement does not permit the return of German forces from Finland through Sweden. Sweden simultaneously affirmed her neutrality.

Two More Bomber Fund Donations

A cheque for \$2,000 was received for the Bomber Fund yesterday afternoon from the China Vegetable Oil Corporation, Ltd.

A cheque for \$25,000 was received for the Bomber Fund this morning from The Canton Insurance Company, a similar amount having been given when the Fund was inaugurated.

for the Bomber Fund this morning from The Canton Insurance Office Ltd. through the General Agents Messrs Jardine, Matheson & Co. Ltd. This makes the second splendid contribution from The Canton Insurance Company, a similar amount having been given when the Fund was inaugurated.

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